

Utah National Guard History Report 2010



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Cover: CSM James Sproul, 300th Military Intelligence,
at Pointe du Hoc, France, during Normandy staff ride.
Photos by MSgt mario Reeve



Joint Forces Headquarters-Utah (JFHQ-UT) acts as the standing joint forces headquarters for the state of Utah. JFHQ-UT also supports civil authorities with capabilities and forces suitable for homeland security and domestic emergencies.

JFHQ-UT consists of a command group, personal staff, primary staff and secondary staff with various duties and responsibilities. Each staff section is responsible to provide expertise and recommendations to the command on important issues facing the Utah National Guard.

The command group of JFHQ-UT consists of The Adjutant General (TAG); Director, Joint Staff (DJS); Assistant Adjutants General for Army (AAG-A) and Assistant Adjutant General for Air (AAG-AF) and may be augmented by the Chief of Staff (CoS) and others as required. Its purpose is to advise the commander in the establishment of policies and procedures for the effective function of JFHQ-UT.

The Adjutant General, as commander, directs the efforts of the Utah National Guard worldwide. The Chief of Staff is the principal staff officer, assistant and advisor to TAG, and is the full-time supervisor responsible for the personal staff, primary staff and secondary staff.

The personal staff reports directly to TAG. The personal staff includes the command chief warrant officer, inspector general, senior army advisor, state chaplain, state command sergeant major, staff judge advocate and state surgeon.

The primary and secondary staffs support both federal and state missions. The federal mission is any that supports the aims of the president of the United States. Support to the state mission is made through the joint staff. In both cases members of the staff report directly to the chief of staff.



The joint staff (JStaff) was created with two primary responsibilities: Incident management and service-component coordination. Incident management includes contingency response and emergency actions when Utah National Guard personnel are assigned to support federal, state or local civilian authorities. The Joint Operations Center (JOC) provides command and control during emergencies and/or large-scale operations. The JStaff is also responsible for service-component coordination with the capacity to coordinate and facilitate communications between Air and Army components.

The JStaff is comprised of eight principal functional divisions and secondary divisions as required; two officers staff each function--one from the Army and one from the Air. Each division is responsible to command and control all attached or assigned forces that respond to emergency or contingency missions. All persons serving in a "J" function or deputy "J" function at JFHQ level are "dual-hatted," meaning they also serve in their respective Air or Army component in various capacities. This ensures that officers with significant talent and expertise contribute to operations at all levels.

JFHQ is engaged in a myriad of activities to maintain proficiency in support of homeland defense and homeland security activities. The operational tempo is high, and over the past year, activities have included interagency joint exercises with the State of Utah to develop Emergency Support Function packages for response to natural and man-made disasters. In support of the Partnership for Peace Program, key members of the JFHQ regularly coordinate with officials from the Departments of Homeland Security, Public Safety and Health to share information and ideas with visiting officials from the Kingdom of Morocco. Morocco regularly hosts UTNG subject matter experts in exchanges with Utah National Guard troops. These exercises and exchanges with international, national and state agencies are key elements in the continued development and training of the JFHQ staff to effectively respond to future emergencies and disasters. 🇺🇸

Utah National Guard Soldiers and Airmen stand in formation for the governor's pass and review during Governor's Day at Rice-Eccles Stadium.



Utah Army and Air Senior Leadership



FRONT ROW (left to right): Colonel Wayne Lee, Assistant Adjutant General, Air; Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, Adjutant General; Brig. Gen. Jefferson Burton, Assistant Adjutant General, Army; Brig. Gen. Michael Liechty, Commander, Land Component Command.
 BACK ROW (left to right): Command Chief Master Sgt. Denise Rager, Air; Col. Kelvin Findlay, Chief of Staff, Air; Col. Lawrence Schmidt, Joint Chief of Staff; Chief Warrant Officer 5 Gary Cloward, Army; Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce Summers, Army.

J1 Manpower Personnel



The Servicemember and Family Support (SFS) Office continues to grow and mature. Our goal this year is to take it to the next level and we're making strides to provide more resources for Utah military members and their families. Family and Youth Programs, Counselors, Chaplains, Suicide Prevention, Sexual Assault Prevention, Substance Abuse Prevention, Transition Assistance, and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, work together and take a team approach to provide a robust "package" of care.

Utah's military families are proud and strong and our team wants to be a resource for self reliant, resilient, families that thrive!

The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration team plans and coordinates amazing events to bring all these resources together to meet the needs of Servicemembers and their families, before, during, and after, deployment.

This year we added Survivor Outreach Services to our team, and they have done an extraordinary job outreaching to our families who have suffered a loss.

SFS is an active participant on Utah's State Strategic Planning team which consists

of representatives from the Utah National Guard Family Program, Chaplain, and Transition Assistance Advisor, State Dept. of Human Services, VA Hospital, Workforce Services, NAMI, and Utah Veterans Administration.

At the SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) Policy Academy in Washington DC, our Utah team built a Strategic Plan to find and build resources for our Military Members and their Families. One of our Key Measures was Outreach to our Utah Communities.



Community leaders and residents show their support to the Guard at the signing of the Tooele City Community Covenant.



Lehi residents sign the Lehi City Community Covenant, pledging their support for Guard members April 21.

We chose the Community Covenant program as a mode to accomplish this outreach. Early in 2010 the Utah National Guard assembled a Community Covenant Team to meet with Utah towns and cities, to educate the municipal leaders on the needs and challenges of their Military Families, to expand the Utility Abatement Program, and to build a robust database of Community contacts in several areas including, education, clergy, law enforcement, social services, and others. The Community Covenant Team, which now consists of six full-time Soldiers and one part-time Soldier, are located across the State of Utah, working with communities to accomplish these Key Measures of our State Strategic Plan, and they have been very successful and well received. The Team is absolutely meeting the expectations of the Strategic Plan, and when all Utah cities are contacted we will continue to work to build and share the resources and grow those community relationships. 🇺🇸

J2 Intelligence



The J-2 once again saw many changes this year. LTC Neil Glad was mobilized to Azerbaijan and works out of the U.S. Embassy at Baku. LTC Derek Tolman was promoted to Colonel and is now attending War College. LTC Mitch Hall was appointed J-2. LTC Joseph Green took over the G-2 duties in addition to his regular assignment as administrative officer of the 300th. We welcomed Stacey Sadler who has helped immensely in processing security clearances.

We were also glad to welcome back CW4 (RET) Lesli Sorenson who will work with the Foundry Program. MSG Michel Towers retired from the Guard in the late spring. He will be missed as one of our chief "SCIF Rats." MSG Marco Briones took over for MSG Towers and will no doubt excel in making sure

the Draper SCIF functions efficiently. We are sad to see CPT Nathan Ringger leave as our SCIF OIC, but we wish him well in his endeavors with the State Department.

The Foundry node was extremely busy training many individuals. The Foundry site was critical in ensuring that the 141st MI was adequately trained prior to deployment to Iraq.

The J-2 worked hard with National Guard Bureau to ensure that the Counterintelligence Agent Nomination process included the National Guard. We also worked with NGB to establish two TSCIF for equipment upgrades and training. We were also glad to see and be able to help establish a fully accredited, secure training facility at the 640th RTI.

As usual we processed hundreds of requests for security clearances and suitability determinations. We also processed almost 475 passports for various overseas assignments. 🇺🇸

J3/5/7 Plans, Operations and Training Directorate



In the J3/5/7 the operational tempo for fiscal year 2010 remained steady. Individual mobilizations remained high as several units were called for deployments. The J3/5/7 continued to aggressively pursue training and development opportunities to help prepare our units to support the wartime and domestic missions.

Training opportunities included JTF staff training, monthly exercises with state and local authorities, overseas deployment training opportunities in every theater around the world and continued support for individual and unit training efforts to improve our readiness. The directorate manages a \$49 million budget.

The Air side of the J3/5/7 had a busy year integrating into the staff and supporting joint activities.

Some of the major events follow:

Col Dar Craig, UTNG A-3, attended bi-lateral meetings with MG Brian Tarbet and Moroccan military leaders.



Members of the Joint Forces Headquarters participate during Cooperative Resolve 2010 as part of their annual training held in Turkey.

The 151st Air Refueling Wing supported the State Partnership Program by “dragging” (providing air refueling support) to the Moroccans as their new F-16s were flown across the Atlantic Ocean and delivered to Moroccan Air Bases.

Many of the Air staff were fully engaged in civil support training and in developing the new Utah National Guard strategic plan.

The Salt Lake Air Base, known as the SLAB supported a multi-city civil support exercise as a joint community effort.

Colonel Dar Craig provided support for the Joint Operations Center during the Herriman fire as he represented the J3 during the day shift. Chief Master Sergeant Cline supported the JOC full-time as a member of the staff.

Some other accomplishments included Unexploded Ordinance coordination and support from the 151st Explosive Ordnance Disposal team, Implementing training and utilization of the “Falcon View” flight planning software to assist with local mapping and grid coordinate representation, and support of UTNG missions to and from the SLAB.

G3 ARMY OPERATIONS: The G3 continues to focus on its traditional responsibilities in planning, training, oversight and mobilization of Army units. For the past nine years our priority mission remains unchanged: to prepare our units, Soldiers, families and the employers of our Soldiers to support combatant commanders’ wartime operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa.

In FY 09, nearly 2,300 Soldiers participated in overseas exercises and training events around the world. Participating in global missions and exercises improves our organizational readiness and plays a vital role in supporting combatant commanders.

In addition to training and exercises, the UTARNG mobilized five units comprising of approximately 830 Soldiers as well as individually mobilizing approximately 160 Soldiers in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn. Three units totally approximately 55 Soldiers returned home from Deployment during the FY.

NET DET: The new equipment tidal wave promised by Congress hit Utah. We received more than 140 different types of equipment ranging from 9mm pistols to a SHADOW Unmanned Aerial System. Other items we received were 2,000 night vision devices, more than 200 new radio systems, most units were issued a full complement of Battle Force tracking (FBCB2) systems, and we filled 100 percent of our HMMWV, PLS/HLS (cargo trucks) and fuel tanker needs in the State.

We now have the capacity to purify water and wash thousands of pounds of laundry if the need arises. The total dollar value for the new equipment the State of Utah received in FY 10 was more than 76 million. As a State we conducted 12,437 man days training on the new equipment in FY 10. This is more than double the man days spent training on new equipment the previous year. All in all most units have been doing double time to keep up with all the new equipment and training they received and for once we are now looking for space to put the equipment coming in as motor pools and supply rooms fill up.

J5 STRATEGIC PLANS AND POLICY: Strategic Plans and Policy had a busy year in 2010. The Utah National Guard (UTNG) continued the development of our 3-5 year strategic plan for the organizational way ahead through the refinement of our overall plan including a review of the mission statements, vision, and values that define our operational efforts. In an effort to improve our organizational effectiveness, we implemented the National Guard’s continuous process improvement program through the adoption of LEAN 6 Sigma as a project management tool. In 2010 we sent seven personnel to 6 Sigma Greenbelt training and five personnel to 6 Sigma Blackbelt training. Each of these Guardsmen are working on process improvement projects that are specifically tied to achieving our strategic goals as an organization. We also submitted our second annual organizational assessment packet to the Army Community of Excellence program



CW3 Jeffrey Issa poses with a Turkey guard at the Mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, founder of the Turkish Republic, during the G3/JFHQ Annual Training to Turkey in June 2010.



LTC Ken Verboncoeur briefs the Command Update Brief (CUB) in the Joint Operation Command center during the Herriman Fire in late September 2010.

where we were recognized with an ACOE Honorable Mention Award.

In addition to strategic plans, the UTNG pursued and was awarded a new mission that will improve our ability to provide domestic support to the citizens of our communities, the State of Utah, and the entire United States. The UTNG will stand up one of only 10 Homeland Response Force (HRF) units in the United States as the chosen representative for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region VIII. This organization will provide the UTNG with the capability to respond to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high yield (CBRNE) explosions anywhere in the continental United States. The specialized capabilities that we will develop through an aggressive training program will include chemical and radiological decontamination; confined space search and extraction; CBRNE medical lifesaving, evaluation and triage efforts; specialized security support to an incident commander; and the ability to provide a command and control capability for other CBRNE units in the National Guard or the Active Army. The HRF provides a dramatic increase in the capability and types of support that the UTNG can bring to bear as we provide Citizen Soldier support to our local communities. The HRF will reach full mission capability in July of 2012.

J7 JOINT TRAINING & EXERCISES.

The Joint Directorate of Military Support working with the J5 is responsible for the UTNG Joint Exercise program. Exercises help us identify what is working and not working with our emergency response processes and help us to refine our operational plans for providing National Guard support to domestic emergencies. One of the exercises during the year included a scenario that made it impossible for the Joint Staff to travel to the headquarters building during an emergency. The mobile JOC deployed to Bluffdale city and the staff was transported to the JOC by UH-60 (Blackhawk) from a number of landing zones located near their homes. Another successful



1LT Christopher Kroeber talks to a citizen about the importance of being prepared in case of an emergency at the Emergency Preparedness booth during Governor's day.

exercise was in support of Metro Fire Dept in Sandy City. Many other agencies also participated. This was an earthquake scenario that required a communications capability provided by our 217th Signal Company & Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) and a confined space rescue capability provided by our 85th Civil Support Team.

The J5 is responsible for coordinating Joint Training opportunities to develop the individual skills necessary to allow the organization to effectively exercise our domestic response plans. In 2010, the J5 coordinated several key leadership training events to include UTNG participation in U.S. Northern Command's JTF Commanders Course and the Defense Support to Civil Authorities course. Both of these courses are critical to qualifying our senior leaders to assume Dual Status Command which is a Presidential authority whereby a National Guard officer can command both National Guard and Active Duty personnel. The J5 also coordinated the participation of key Joint Staff personnel in the Alaska National Guard's Vigilant Guard exercise in April of 2010. This exercise, based upon an earthquake scenario, provided UTNG participants with a valuable look at how the Alaska National Guard prepares and plans to support potential earthquakes.

JOINT DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY SUPPORT (JDOMS): Domestic operations are continuing to gain a lot of attention within the National Guard. The JDOMS provides a critical link between our local, state, and federal partners needed to provide military support in response to disaster's and other events. The positive relationships we are building with our interagency partners have positioned the Guard as a trusted capability within the emergency management community. The JDOMS focused on three important missions during the year: preparedness, exercises, and response.

Timely response during any incident is largely a result of how well we are prepared. Much of our time in JDOMS is spent attending interagency planning that helps us prepare for emergency response events. The major planning event conducted this year was initial planning for the 2012 full scale catastrophic earthquake exercise called, "Utah Shakeout." The planning for this event provided multiple opportunities to work with local & state emergency managers, FEMA, non-governmental organizations, and DOD



Communications specialists deploy the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) during an August 2010 Interagency Earthquake Exercise in Sandy, UT.



representatives. The process (over several months) allowed us to evaluate capability gaps and examine exercise objectives that will focus our efforts in preparation for the 2012 exercise.

Another important aspect to preparedness is our Joint Operations Center (JOC). The JOC gained additional personnel that will allow us to sustain 24/7 operations. These personnel will also allow the JOC to improve its operational and response capability. A move is also scheduled for the JOC during the next fiscal year.

The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) remained engaged in planning and exercises throughout the year. Soldiers & Airmen participated in multiple exercises that rehearsed our chemical decontamination capability. The program also underwent its annual evaluated exercise and received commendable remarks by the evaluation team.

The development and implementation of Force Packages is another key accomplishment within JDOMS. Force packages are preplanned Utah National Guard capabilities that will not only allow units to focus their domestic operations training, but also will make it easier for our customers to be more informed of the capabilities that exist. They provide requesting agencies with a common language, making it easier to identify the desired capability as it relates to the incident.

Two of the official Requests for Assistance (RFAs) originating from the State of Utah included a US Coast Guard helicopter crash and a wild land fire. The helicopter crash in Northern Utah required a National Guard security force until investigators could arrive and the wreckage recovered. The Herriman fire started on Army Garrison Camp Williams and then high winds caused it to endanger many homes in the city of Herriman, located North of Camp Williams. More than 200 Utah National Guard Soldiers & Airmen responded rapidly and worked well with our interagency partners in response to firefighting and evacuation efforts.

The Joint Directorate of Military Support will continue to focus on our domestic mission and improve relationships with our interagency partners. Preparedness, exercises and response to incidents will also evolve during the coming years in order to provide the best support to our citizens and communities. 🇺🇸



Two-man teams compete in the unknown distance event at the National Guard's Marksmanship Advisory Council VII regional shooting competition at Camp Williams, June 25. While one competitor shot, the spotter would tell the shooter how close they were to the target and what adjustments needed to be made. The team members then switched off in order to get their team score.

J4 Logistics



The Utah National Guard J4 is responsible for providing logistical support to Soldiers and Airmen while they are providing support to Civilian Authorities. Logistics include supplies, services, maintenance and transportation support. COL Jim Brown serves as the J4 with Lt Col Sue Melton as the Deputy J4 and SGM Dave Hamilton is the J4 Sergeant Major. The J4 team is also involved with the joint and

strategic planning of the Utah National Guard as part of the Joint Staff.

The J4 is also responsible for overall logistics program management, policies, resources and ensures the logistical readiness for all Army National Guard units.

LTC Ron Jonas supervises the Logistics Management Team that provides logistics support to all Utah Army National Guard units whether in training, mobilization, or demobilization. The

Logistics Management Team consists of the Defense Movement Coordinator, Chief Property Book Officer, Food Service Supervisor, Mobilization Officer, and Budget Analyst. 1LT Brian Yardley is the Defense Movement Coordinator (DMC). The DMC is responsible for managing all Department of Defense convoys originating from or traveling thru the state of Utah.

CW4 Seth Waite is the Chief Property Book Officer for the UTARNG. He ensures all property book and supply policies and procedures in the state are trained and followed.

MSG Kim Peterson is the State Food Service Supervisor. He ensures all UTNG and Joint Forces in the state are supported with food service subsistence. He coordinates facility upgrades for food service on all readiness centers in the state.

CW3 Blayne Hamilton is the Mobilization Officer, Mobilization and Demobilization of UTARNG unit from in state and overseas missions is his main focus.

Marni Hansen is the Budget Analyst for indirect operational funds. She manages and redirects funds to all UTARNG units as they are received from National Guard Bureau.

Under the direction of the Surface Maintenance Manager (SMM), LTC Scott Burnhope, the Surface Maintenance Community completed equipment reconstitution for all Utah Army National Guard Units that returned from deployment in FY 10. The SMM provides guidance and supervision to 13 maintenance shops and work sites throughout Utah.

Field Maintenance Shop (FMS) 1 in Ogden and FMS 1a in Logan are supervised by CW2 John Middleton. FMS 1 supports 197th STC, military intelligence and field artillery units.

FMS 2, located in West Jordan is supervised CW2 Nick Blackham. FMS 2 supports aviation units and the 23rd Army

Band stationed at West Jordan.

FMS 3 in Spanish Fork, FMS 3a in American Fork are supervised by MSG Anthony Shaw. FMS 3 supports engineer, artillery, and military intelligence, stationed in Spanish Fork, Springville, Orem, and American Fork.

FMS 4 in Manti and FMS 4a in Vernal are supervised by CW2 Robert Thomson, supporting engineer and artillery units in Manti, Mount Pleasant, Price and Vernal.

FMS 5 in Richfield, FMS 5a in Beaver, are supervised by MSG Ronald Greenhalgh. These shops support artillery units in, Richfield, Fillmore, Beaver and Blanding.

FMS 6 in St George is supervised by CW2 Eric Greenhalgh. This shop support artillery and military intelligence units in Cedar City and St George.

FMS 7 in Tooele, is supervised by MSG John Ingledew. This shop support 214th Forward Support Company in at Tooele.

The Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS) in Draper, UT is supervised by CPT David Cerchio. CSMS provides support maintenance (direct support and general support) for UTARNG units. The CSMS is a well-equipped, efficient, and modern shop with the capability to rebuild or replace most components of military equipment.

The Unit Training Equipment Sites (UTES) at Camp Williams, UT is supervised by CW3 Dave Adamson. UTES provides limited direct support and organizational repairs for units at Camp Williams and Draper. UTES also assists units training at Camp Williams.

The logistics professionals of the Utah Army and Air National Guard strive to provide and constantly improve the best possible support to our customers, the Soldiers, Airmen, and units of the Utah National Guard. 🇺🇸

J6 Command, Control, Communications, Computers



The J6, under the leadership of COL. Gregory Cluff continued to expand and enhance the capabilities and effectiveness of communications for the Utah National Guard during FY 2010. The main G6 communications focus is network maintenance/security, telecom, desktop computer/printer, and emergency communications.

During the year several changes were made in how printing was managed throughout the Utah Army Guard. CW3 Rick Gardner excelled at implementing a complete managed printing solution for the Utah National Guard. Through careful review and working with industry representatives Chief Gardner identified best practices for printing throughout the Utah National Guard and successfully implemented these practices. This extraordinary effort resulted in the Utah National Guard being selected by the Managed Print Service Association for third place for the international leadership award in the Corporate Manage Print Service Implementation. Chief Gardner's efforts beat



Chief Warrant 3 Rick Gardner, right, is presented third place by the Managed Print Services Association for the international 2010 Corporate Leadership Award for his leadership and work on best printing practices for the Utah National Guard.

out corporations around the world for this honor and resulted in significant savings for the Utah Guard. To put it in comparison, Chief Garner competed for the international championship in his field and his efforts were duly recognized.

Telecommunications completed the implementation of the CISCO phone service and moved to more fully integrate the capabilities of this system into the daily operations of the Guard. Under the leadership of Mike Hansen and SGT Kuhlman, Telecom has been moving forward at implementing a mass notification capability state wide for the Utah Army Guard. Much of Draper is already complete, with other armories to follow. At completion the system will allow controllers to notify all the armories, or just select armories of an incident as needed through building speakers or the phone on individuals desks.

Of critical importance to the Utah National Guard is the ability to reestablish operations if a disaster or problem takes down the network along the Wasatch Front. In order to ensure continuity of operations (COOP), the G6's network operations center (NOC) lead by Greg Gardner has spent the year finishing up the COOP site in St George, Utah. This site allows the Guard the ability to move and resume operations in the event of a complete network failure.

Emergency communications further refined their capabilities and readiness throughout the year. In January the staff of the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) system under the leadership of Maj Tobias, CMSgt Johnson, and MAJ Morris, was requested to join the NGB working group on sending JISCC support to Haiti to assist in earthquake relief support. Their input into this working group was instrumental in defining the issues of OCONUS disaster relief support for a Joint Guard unit.

Efforts to ensure communications during a disaster continued throughout the year with G6 support to the Mobile JOC exercise in July and JISCC support to the Metro Fire Agency's major earthquake exercise in August at Sandy. During the Mobile JOC exercise Chief Taven Brown and SGT Shawn Beck demonstrated exceptional expertise as they seamlessly connected satellite communications using an antiquated manual satellite dish.

The JISCC also showed the capabilities of Utah National Guard communication expertise as Air Guard members, members of the G6, and members of the 217th Signal Company supported tasking from the Metro Fire Department. These taskings included supplying base communication capability for Metro Fire, from radio communications to computers and phones at the incident command post. One of the highlights was JISCC personnel setting up a phone bank and intranet that served as a 911 center for the exercise. After coordination with the county 911 center, role players acting as victims called directly to the incident command post to coordinate their own rescue. 🇺🇸




TOP DOWN: Soldiers and Airmen from the 217th Network Support Company, 151st Communications Flight and J6 prepare the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) system in support of the multi-agency earthquake exercise in Sandy, Utah.



The J8 Resources and Assessment (Finance) is the principal advisor to the Joint Force Commander dealing with fiscal and contracting issues. Composition of the J8 consists of the Army and Air National Guard Resource Management and Procurement divisions. The United States Property and Fiscal Officer provide the daily oversight and supervision of J8 functions and activities. Responsibilities of the J8 include accounting for all federal funds allocated to the State of Utah for operations, training and procurement. This includes processing payrolls, travel vouchers, and commercial vendor payments. The J8 is responsible to ensure the proper Internal Management Controls are in

place assuring that the federal funds are executed and procurement activities are in accordance with all federal regulations, policies and procedures.

Critical financial support functions are provided to the Soldiers, Airmen and their families during premobilization, mobilization and demobilization. The J8 continues to support and assist families of deployed Service members with their financial issues relating to pay and benefits.

The J8 takes an active role in responding to emergencies and natural disasters. Accounting for the funds expended in a natural disaster or emergency becomes complicated with the various classes of supply, manpower and types of equipment used to support the operations. The J8 relies on accurate reporting from all of the J/G staff functions in order to track the mix of federal and state funds and ensuring appropriate contracting procedures are adhered to. 

The Mission of the Joint United States Property and Fiscal Office (USPFO) for Utah is "Support the mission of the Adjutant General of Utah and the units, Soldiers and Airmen of the Utah National Guard by ensuring accountability and proper use of all federal resources."

We are committed to ensure all units of the Utah Army and Air National Guard are properly resourced and equipped to perform their role in support of National Defense or Contingency Operations.

The USPFO is divided into five divisions: Internal Review, Purchasing and Contracting, Supply and Services, Resource Management, and Data Processing. Additionally, the USPFO has appointed three assistant USPFO's in the Utah Air National guard for Fiscal, Federal Property and Real Property.

Internal Review Division provides professional audit services to all directorates and units within the Utah National guard. The audits performed throughout the year ensure that strong Internal Management Controls are in place to prevent waste, fraud and abuse. Audits during the past year included Unit Equipment/Property Accountability, Financial Liability Investigation of Property Loss, Small Arms Accountability Procedures, Government Purchase Card Review, Non-Appropriated Fund Review and many more to ensure Soldiers and Airmen receive proper support and resources are protected.


Purchasing and Contracting Division procures commercial goods and services including housing and meals for Soldier and Airmen, shipping and storage, construction and non-standard items required for training and mobilization. In 2010 Purchasing and Contracting surpassed most goals set by the National Guard Bureau for utilizing various

categories of small businesses. They also awarded contracts for design work on an Installation Master Plan and a new Multi Purpose Machine Gun Range.

Supply and Services Division receives, distributes and accounts for all federal property and equipment of the Utah Army National Guard (UTARNG) units. In 2010, the UTARNG received more than \$95 million in newly fielded unit equipment. This new equipment is essential to units supporting federal and state mission readiness. This past year Supply and Services Division has decreased excess equipment in the UTARNG by more than \$5.5 million.

Resource Management Division formulates, distributes, executes, accounts for and reports on the annual federal budget. The Fiscal/Accounting Branches managed more than \$171 million supporting Soldier and Airman's pay, maintenance, supply, and operational support and mobilization related requirements such as medical and dental care. Resource Management Branch managed the 2010 budget with a 99.9 percent efficiency rate. The Pay and Examination Branch supports deploying Soldiers and Airmen by ensuring all pay documentation is complete and accurate, conducting family support briefings and ensuring accurate and timely pay and travel reimbursement.

Data Processing Division manages and maintains automation equipment and systems that support the USPFO and other staff functions. Data Processing, working with the UTNG J6, has planned and is nearly complete with the Continuity of Operations site in St. George in preparation for a natural disaster or emergency situation. This past FY the Data Processing Division produced an interactive dashboard which feeds off of the Production Data Base System relaying real time data. This gives an accurate up to date picture of the status of USPFO functions and items being tracked for reporting.

The men and women of the USPFO stand ready to support the mission of The Adjutant General, the Chief National Guard Bureau and to serve the great Soldiers and Airmen of the Utah National Guard. 

Human Resource Office



This year, the Human Resource Office (HRO) implemented several major program changes that affected the Utah National Guard's 840 military technicians. The changes involved not only the way supervisors appraise their employee's performance, but also how our technicians access their benefits. Despite these many changes, the HRO continued to provide quality personnel support to the over 1600 Active Guard Reservists and federal technicians employed by the Utah National Guard.

The mission of the UTNG HRO continues

to be focused on a providing a variety of services including hiring, staffing, benefit services, position management and classification, on-the-job injury services, full-time employee training, equal employment opportunity, labor relations, medical and pay administration, employee assistance programs, personnel computer data services and official duty travel services. The HRO is committed to ensuring that all the work-related needs of the Utah National Guard full-time force are met in order to maintain maximum efficiency and a high level of dedication and morale. The HRO is proud to serve the needs of all UTNG employees and looks forward to implementing other major process improvement measures in the future. 🇺🇸



Inspector General's Office

"We're here to help!" is the motto of the Office of the Inspector General (IG) and truly characterizes its charge to the Utah National Guard, its Soldiers and Airmen.

The role of the IG is often misunderstood and should not be viewed as ominous or one of trepidation. We are, quite literally, here to help. Although service members are encouraged to use their chain of command to resolve issues first, the IG shop has the ability to work issues where standard methods have proven unsuccessful.

The mission of the Inspector General is to serve as the eyes, ears, voice, and conscience of the adjutant general of Utah. With that mission comes the responsibility to provide a continuous

assessment as to the readiness, efficiency, morale, esprit de corps, and discipline of the Utah National Guard. This is accomplished through four functions:

Assistance (to commanders, Soldiers, and Airmen); Teach and train; Inspections – including intelligence

oversight, organizational inspection programs (OIP), and unit assistance visits; and Investigations.

Maintaining a truly joint office (with more than 89 years of combined experience), the IG office includes the Inspector General, an Active Army Officer, COL Mark Zodda; an Army Deputy IG, MAJ Branden Clark; an Air Force Deputy IG, Lt Col Julie Anderson; and an Assistant IG, SFC James Ryan.

New to the office is CPT Todd Christensen. CPT Christensen was recommended for the Army Deputy IG position by MG Brian Tarbet, The Adjutant General of Utah and ultimately approved in September 2010 by MG William McCoy Jr., acting Inspector General for Department of the Army. CPT Christensen, 90A (Logistics), comes to the IG office from the 204th Military Enhancement Brigade where he served for the past year as the BDE S4. MAJ Clark will finish his three-plus year tour in January 2011 at which point he will transition to the 204th MEB.

With a wide array of knowledge and experience, the IG staff will continue to provide the very best service possible as they assist Utah Guard members in resolving a myriad of issues. Remember, we're here to help! 🇺🇸



Inspector General staff (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT):
SSG James Ryan, Lt Col Julie Anderson, COL Mark Zodda, MAJ Branden Clark

State Partnership Program



The Partnership between the State of Utah and the Kingdom of Morocco began in August 2003 and the first official visit was in December of that year. This was the first partnership in North Africa and the first between a state and a predominately Muslim nation. In February 2004 Morocco suffered a devastating earthquake off the northern coast of Morocco in Al Hociema. The Utah National Guard responded immediately with an offer of aid for the quake victims. Within 72 hours of the earthquake, a Utah Air National Guard KC-135 loaded with emergency-response supplies arrived in Morocco, building the foundation for what is now a very successful partnership and ongoing friendship with our oldest ally. Morocco was the first nation to recognize the independence of the U.S. from Great Britain in 1777 and we have had a Treaty of Friendship since 1787.

The State Partnership Program between State of Utah and The Kingdom of Morocco is one of 63 National Guard SPPs throughout the globe. It is one of only 8 in Africa and continues to be one of the most active partnerships on the continent. Since this partnership began in 2003 the number of events has grown from 5 to 15 annually. The SPP staff consists of a Director and a Bilateral Affairs Officer who is stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Rabat, Morocco. Both actively engage with the Combatant Command, Africa Command, through annual planning conferences and ongoing collaborations with the Embassy team to meet the Ambassador and Combatant Commander's needs based on Campaign and Mission plans.

The SPP between Utah and Morocco is one of the most active and successful partnerships in Africa, conducting over 75 quality events since its beginning. Utah is often called upon to provide information to National Guard Bureau, to other SPP states and to host visitors to highlight its SPP as a benchmark program. In FY10, the two most significant events conducted were hosting the Moroccan Ambassador to U.S. for his first visit



MG Brian Tarbet (right) presents his coin to a Moroccan soldier after a rappelling demonstration in Morocco.

to Utah and sending a KC-135 loaded with 40 band members and their equipment to Morocco. This event was the successful execution of the U.S. Ambassador to Morocco's invitation to bring the Utah National Guard's 23rd Army band to Morocco to perform for the U.S. and Moroccan Independence Day Holidays in July. In FY11, they plan to conduct another 15 events and will facilitate additional events between the newly formed Utah led partnership between the South Carolina Air National Guard and Morocco due to the Moroccan Royal Air Force's recent F-16 purchase. Our Military-Military events range from Subject Matter Exchanges of 2-3 people, to Unit Level Exchanges, consisting of up to 40 people. In 2008 Artillery conducted the ULE, in 2009 Engineering, and Special Forces in 2010. Each year a Military-Civilian Disaster Response Exchange was attached to the ULE, which enables both Utah and Morocco to better prepare for a natural or manmade disaster. In 2008 the focus was pandemic flu, in 2009 response to a chemical fire and 2010 earthquake response was exercised.


Medical Exchanges are also a major focus of this they plan to continue to conduct exchanges of medical specialties ranging from physical therapy to psychiatry. In addition to these exchanges, each year



Members of the 23rd Army Band perform on the Sidi Elabed Beach in Temara, Morocco July 2.

medical providers from our Air and Army Guards participate in the Joint Chief of Staff exercise “AFRICAN LION” providing medical and dental treatment to over 5,000 patients in a 3-week period. The last two years one of their Army Guard veterinarians and his vet-technician were able to treat over 7,000 animals, the lively hood and sustenance for the nomadic Moroccans.

Senior Leader exchanges between Utah and Morocco continues to be a critical part of our partnership and have served to strengthen the bond between our two countries. Their program also partners with Family Programs to conduct Annual

Youth Exchanges where youth from both countries participate in an exchange aimed at experiencing and appreciating each other’s cultures. These exchanges have become very renowned and have been lauded at senior levels of both governments. 



The 23rd Army Band performs at Kenitra, Morocco on July 3. Kenitra is the historic landing site of U.S. Forces in WWII.

Utah Counterdrug Program

During FY2010, the Utah Counterdrug Program was redesignated as the Utah Counterdrug Task Force. As part of the redesignation, three drug-related programs--SENIOR SCOUT, Prevention Treatment and Outreach (PTO), and Joint Substance Abuse Program (JSAP)-- joined the three existing programs--State Plans, RINGGOLD, and T2S2. Under the direction of COL Dallen Attack, the Utah Counterdrug Task Force is the largest of all 54 states and territories, employing more than 280 Soldiers, Airmen and civilians.

In order to support the governor in waging the war on drugs in Utah, the State Plans section of the task force supports two important anti-drug initiatives, Drug Demand Reduction and Drug Supply Reduction. The goal of the Drug Demand Reduction program is to educate youth and adults on the physical and psychological



Task Force Soldier assisting in Law Enforcement Training at Camp Williams, Utah.


consequences of illicit drug use, and to build confidence in order to cope with peer pressure. This is accomplished by providing drug awareness education, personal confidence and team building at schools, youth camps, and other special events. In 2010, the Drug Demand Reduction program reached an audience of more than 21,000 of Utah's youth in support of more than 185 separate events. Drug Supply Reduction provides intelligence analysis and support for Narcotics and Major Crime Task Forces across the state. These Soldiers assist their assigned Task Forces organize criminal evidence to produce trend reports, organizational charts of drug-trafficking groups, as well as linkage among criminal groups. In 2010 Task Force Soldiers were credited with supporting more than \$200 million worth of seized drugs, cash and property.

Task Force Airmen from the 169th Intelligence Squadron participated in two separate 60-day SOUTHCOM in support of counter drug operations in theater. Reachback operations supporting additional counter drug efforts also continued throughout the year. The unit had a unique experience when Mr. Tom Howes, one of three American Hostages held in captivity in Colombia from 2003 to 2008, visited the Base to share his experiences and to thank the unit for their diligence in pursuing his freedom.

This year the RINGGOLD program celebrated its 20-year anniversary of providing counterdrug language support

for multiple agencies. Over the years the original charter of providing classified language support has also grown to include analysis and reporting. The contribution of both Task Force Soldiers and Airmen on this national-level mission continues to receive positive customer feedback each week from the various agencies and organizations of the Intelligence Community.

In FY 2010 the Transcription/Translation Support System (T2S2) provided language and information technology support to federal law enforcement agencies in more than 140 field offices across the United States. The Task Force Soldiers, Airmen and civilians completed translations in 19 languages and resulted in 155,000 pages of documents prepared for use as evidence in court cases. The T2S2 also began establishing a Digital Evidence Laboratory designed to perform technical forensic and language analysis computers and peripherals seized by law enforcement in drug cases.

To assist Servicemembers and their families, the PTO program can help find substance abuse treatment and counseling. At least two hours of prevention education is conducted for all National Guard members each year. As a tool to deter drug use in our formations, the JSAP continues to support random and command-directed drug testing of their units in the Utah National Guard. 

Task Force Soldier at marijuana eradication site in southern Utah.



Construction and Facilities Management Office



The Construction And Facilities Management Office (CFMO), under the direction of COL Scot Olson, is responsible for alterations, repairs, maintenance and construction of all Utah Army National Guard facilities. The CFMO organization structure works to achieve a common goal which is to design, build and maintain facilities that meet the ever expanding needs of today's military forces.

As the Utah National Guard transforms, it is critical that the CFMO utilizes all resources necessary to meet the demands of growth and change. Oftentimes, it is necessary to redesign existing facilities, allowing us to incorporate new technologies and capabilities. The CFMO works with state/federal offices and legislative committees to ensure the funding of projects to maintain a high level of readiness within the state.

This past year a new addition was added to the Army Garrison Camp Williams (AGCW) Post Exchange (PX). With the additional square footage the PX now has more selections and also an increase in military uniforms to include footwear to better support all Soldiers that train at AGCW. A barber shop was added as well as space for food vendors. A patio was added to allow customers to enjoy relaxing outdoors, weather permitting. Careful placement of the patio allowed the design to take advantage of the breathtaking eastern view. The building addition was designed in the most cost-effective way to meet current ADA accessibility codes and energy-efficiency policies. The CFMO is certain that those who use this building will find it to be a pleasurable experience and an enjoyable place to relax in their off hours. The \$6 million underground power upgrade, an American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project, will be completed Oct. 28, 2010. This much needed upgrade provides more reliable power for all Soldiers and units using AGCW.



The Springville Armory remodel was completed in 2010.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Salt Lake Readiness Center was held on March 30, 2010 and brings the number to 28 readiness centers and armories operated by the Utah National Guard in Utah.




The new Salt Lake Readiness Center, northeast of Salt Lake International Airport, was occupied in March of this year. This project was part of the Military Construction plan which cost approximately \$12 million dollars of federal and state funds. The 54,000 square foot facility will be home for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 118th Sapper Company and 85th Civil Support Team.

Projects started this year include a new Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) at a cost of \$4.6 million. This will replace the existing ASP that was constructed in 1940 and does not meet ammunition storage requirements. The new ASP will allow Camp Williams to safely store all ammunition used by the Utah Army National Guard. Another project is the Counter-Improvised Explosive Devise (C-IED) Training lane, at a cost of \$1.5 million. This will provide Soldiers with facilities, training devices, and expertise necessary to identify visual indicators of an IED, react to a suspected IED, as well as many other tasks. The new facility will better facilitate the training for the deployment of Soldiers that train at AGCW each year.

MODERNIZATION OF VARIOUS ARMORIES

The Utah Army National Guard received \$4 million from the State Legislature for fiscal year 2011. This is the third consecutive year the Legislature has supported the Utah National Guard in modernization of our aging armories. Due to transformation throughout the State, these funds will maximize functional use, as well as meet new mandated building codes and increase energy-efficiency.

The Springville Armory remodel is complete and is a showpiece for the community. The Price Armory, American Fork Armory, as well as Building 5170 at Camp Williams remodels are nearing completion. Manti, Brigham City, Fillmore, and Richfield Armories are under construction and will meet federal and state-mandated building standards. Other armories throughout the state will be under construction in the near future. The goal and commitment of CFMO is to provide the most modern, usable facilities for the Utah National Guard. 

Military Ball

Honorary Colonels, VIPs, Soldiers, Airmen, spouses and friends danced the night away at the 45th annual Military Ball on March 13, 2010 at the Rail Event Center in Salt Lake City.

The Utah National Guard's 23rd Army Band saturated the busy dance floor with the sounds of both old and new music, while chattering and laughter echoed throughout the Event Center.

In addition to the dancing, the Ball included a drawing for the chance to win a variety of prizes such as televisions, gift cards and jewelry. Refreshments were served to make the evening more enjoyable.

Significant others enjoyed the opportunity to dress up for a fun night of dancing and some Soldiers and Airmen joked that if it weren't for the Military Ball, their uniforms would never be "squared away."

The Military Ball is an annual event held to celebrate the hard work, enthusiasm and devotion of modern Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen to the traditions and values of service to our state and nation. It also serves as a break from the routines of daily life and gives military spouses a chance to enjoy an inexpensive date night and mingle with others who can relate to military life. 🇺🇸



Attendees at the 45th annual Military Ball enjoyed an evening of dancing and listening to the Utah National Gaurd 23rd Army Band at the Rail Event Center in Salt Lake.



Governor's Day

As part of the 57th annual Governor's Day event, more than 6,000 Utah Air and Army National Guardsmen marched in a pass-and-review parade before the commander in chief of the Utah National Guard, Governor Gary Herbert, at Rice-Eccles Stadium September 18.

In observance of this time-honored military tradition, Gov. Herbert inspected the units alongside the Adjutant General of Utah, MG Brian Tarbet, and commander of Utah National Guard Land Component Command, BG Michael Liechty. Approximately 20 Air Force squadrons and 70 Army battalions stood in formation across the breadth of the field for the official review.

"You get a feeling of the strength of the Guard visually when you see them in that particular formation, concentrated on the football field," said Tarbet during an appraisal of the review after the parade. "You get a feeling of just how big the Guard is, how diverse it is, and how many different functions it has. I think it's a great pictorial display of what the Guard is. I thought they looked great today."

"The other thing we always notice is who is not there," said Tarbet. "We are approaching 1,000 deployed Soldiers and Airmen again. There is a substantial number out there saving lives, working in the direct action, refueling and performing a whole host of other functions. It's what we do, the specialties that we have, and we're bringing those to bare right now."

At the ceremony the official reviewing party presented awards to Utah Guard Outstanding Performers of the Year.

Soldier of the Year:

SPC Joshua Wardle, 1457th Engineering Battalion.

Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year - Army:

SFC Corey Bybee, 640th Regiment RTI

First Sergeant of the Year - Army:

1SG David Sauer, 141st Military Intelligence Battalion

Airman of the Year:

SrA Marc Crosby, 169th Intelligence Squadron.

Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year - Air:

TSgt Kristi Tuero, 151st Communications Flight

Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year- Air:

SMSGt Sterling Poulson,
Headquarters, Utah Air National Guard

First Sergeant of the Year- Air:

SMSGt Richard P. Miller, 151st Civil Engineer Squadron



Also during the ceremony, unit colors were presented to the governor and a 19-volley cannon salute was fired in honor of him. A combination of six Blackhawk and Apache helicopters performed a formation fly-by over the stadium, followed by a KC-135 Stratotanker poised in refueling position.

In a speech during the review, Governor Herbert thanked both the Guardsmen and their family members for their contributions.

“Thanks for your service. Thanks for your sacrifice,” said Herbert addressing both the Guardsmen and their family members. “What you are doing is not insignificant. It’s important for our state. It’s important for our country. It’s important for the world.”

Both General Tarbet and the commander of the 151st Air Refueling Wing, Col Samuel H. Ramsay, praised Governor Herbert during a reception following the review.

“The governor is very supportive of the Guard,” said Ramsay. “His personal experience as a Guardsman has really helped him empathize with what we’re going through. We know that he knows. He’s had a significant impact with employers whenever we have people deploying downrange.”

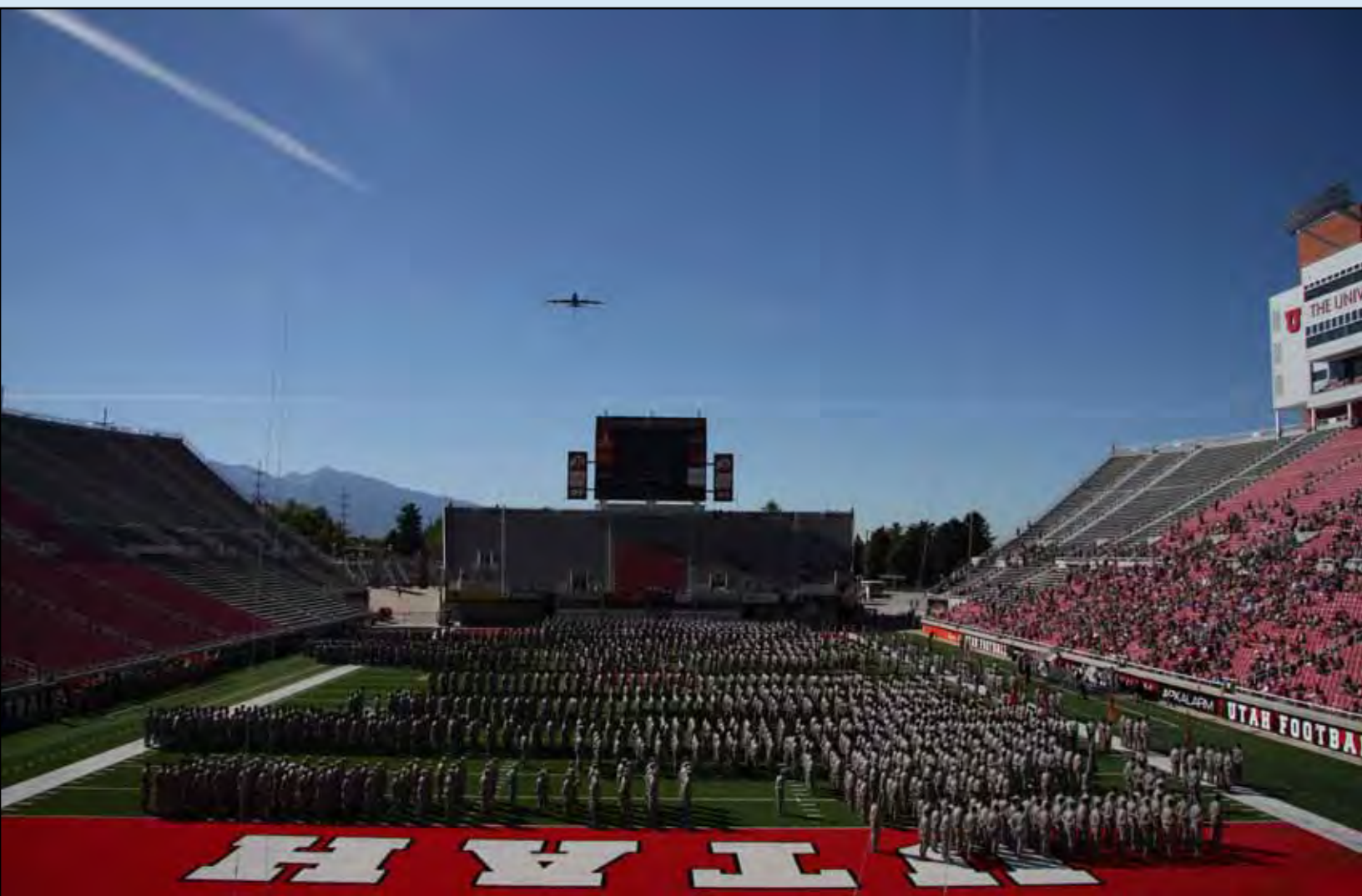
“We’re grateful to hear Governor Herbert thank the families,” said Tarbet. “In a large part it’s Governor’s Day today, but for many units it’s also a family weekend, and that’s what it ought to be. The Airmen and the Soldiers, we volunteered for this. We know what we’re doing. The families kind of come along with us. Anytime we can recognize their sacrifice, their commitment, their dedication that’s what we need to do.”

Many units provided concession stands and activity booths to support their Family Readiness activities.

Technical Sgt. Mark Garcia, a transportation assistant with the 151st Logistics Readiness Squadron, brought his wife and kids to enjoy the activities. Sergeant Garcia’s wife Regina said the kids had fun on the zip line and bounce houses, but it was the ceremony that carried the adults.

“It’s a proud moment for us to spot our family member as they march by,” said Regina Garcia. “It’s moving to watch the sea of faces of people who are so brave and so selfless. There are a lot of emotional parts during the ceremony, like when they play the National Anthem, but when the governor thanked the families...it just about brought us to tears.” 🇺🇸

Opposite page top down: A Utah National Guard Honor Guard presents the colors as Governor Gary Herbert salutes the flag during the National Anthem. Governor Gary Herbert, MG Brian Tarbet and BG Michael Liechty salute Utah National Guard Troops during the official pass and review. Members of the Utah National Guard gather in formation for review by Governor Gary Herbert and Adjutant General, Major General Brian Tarbet, at the annual Governor’s Day festivities. Guard members march across Rice-Eccles field to join others in formation. Below: A Utah Air National Guard KC-135 tanker flies over the Soldiers and Airmen in formation at Rice-Eccles Stadium during Governor’s Day Sept. 18





Soldiers of the Utah Army National Guard have performed superbly in 2010. From Cambodia to Columbia; Afghanistan to Iraq, Soldiers have deployed in support of Bilateral Training Exercises and Combat operations with fluidity and effectiveness. Utah formations continue to demonstrate the flexibility and effectiveness of National Guard Soldiers in both peace and war. In times of diminishing budgets, the Guard provides tremendous value to the taxpayer. Soldiers from the Utah guard have played pivotal roles in the toppling of dictators and the capture and elimination of enemies to our citizens and threats to our national security. Members of the Utah Guard are currently providing support in more than 30 countries worldwide. Guardsmen are at the forefront of efforts to protect our citizens and our way of life.

Our families are the key to our success, and as a result, we have increased the number of resources available to our Family Support Program. We have expanded our Yellow Ribbon events, added on-site counseling assets for Soldiers and families with the hiring of two clinical social workers, continued a solid youth program and are providing emergency support to Soldiers and families in need. Committed families continue to be one of our single most important assets. The success of our mobilization efforts are enhanced by the Family Support program, providing extensive resources to support loved ones of deployed Soldiers.

The Utah National Guard is founded on service to our communities, our state and our nation. This heritage was established at the Guards inception in the spring of 1894. Prior to that, Utahans had rendered military service in the defense of life and property under the banner of the Nauvoo Legion in the 1840s.

It was from the members of the Nauvoo Legion and the veterans of the Mormon Battalion and the Mexican War (1846-48) that the first militia of the Utah Territory was organized. This hardy group of Citizen-Soldiers retained the Nauvoo Legion name, and for the next 40 years, ensured peace and protection for territorial residents facing a variety of threats and challenges. As the Nation grew and the Utah Territory approached statehood, the Utah National Guard was federally organized and the first units were chartered in March 1894.

Within weeks, the newly organized Utah National Guard saw its first service. Since that first mission in April 1894, units of the Utah National Guard have served countless missions both at home and on foreign soil. From its humble beginnings, the Utah National Guard has grown to be a nationally prominent organization, setting the standard for other states to follow. Utah units enjoy a tremendous reputation nationally for their character and performance of duty. Whether the mission is a combat operation, or in response to a regional disaster, the Utah Army National Guard has demonstrated time and time again the attributes of professionalism and skill in the successful performance of the mission.

The Guard has two primary missions: The first is to support the people of Utah. When called upon by the governor, units and Guard members support civil authorities in protecting life and property. They are also called upon to help preserve peace, order and public safety, which are integrated into the Homeland Defense mission.


The second mission of the Utah Army National Guard is to the people of the United States. When called upon by the president, the Guard provides well-trained and fully equipped military units to serve as part of the total force in times of war or other national emergencies. The Guard continues to fulfill this mission overseas for Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

In 2009, the Utah National Guard continues to prepare for natural disaster response by working closely with federal, state and local agencies by way of realistic training exercises and continuous improvement to existing contingency plans. Elements of the Utah Guard have shown their flexibility and their amazing capability by effectively responding on short notice to support beleaguered citizens following Hurricane's Katrina, Rita and Ike.

The Utah Army Guard possesses a broad variety of units and capabilities. Administered by Joint Forces HQ, Artillery, Aviation, Maneuver Enhancement, Military Intelligence and Special Forces units carry out their local missions and prepare for overseas service.

The largest Army training center in Utah is Camp W.G. Williams, located at the south end of the Salt Lake Valley. Encompassing nearly 30,000 acres, Camp Williams serves not only as a major training site for Utah National Guard units, but also for units throughout the U.S. and even some foreign nations. In addition to weapons ranges, battle courses and many outdoor training facilities, Camp Williams also has maintenance shops, troop-support capabilities and extensive classroom facilities. Camp Williams is home to the 640th Regimental Regional Training Institute, which trains National Guard Soldiers from 13 western states and Guam.

The headquarters of the Utah National Guard is located in Draper next to I-15 in the southern end of Salt Lake Valley. This sprawling facility is also home to several major commands and separate units.

One of the reasons for the success of the Utah Army National Guard is the deep sense of community felt by Guard members and Utah citizens. Guard members are constantly serving their communities in many ways both in and out of uniform. With outstanding Leaders, Soldiers, and seasoned combat veterans the Utah Army National Guard continues its long tradition of distinguished service to the State and Nation. 



Soldiers train at weapons ranges at Camp Williams, Utah.



The Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (HHD), Joint Forces Headquarters – Utah (JFHQ-UT), plays a vital role in the overall readiness of the Utah National Guard. The detachment is organized to meet the training and administrative needs of the individual Detachment members. The roles of each of the Joint Staff sections of the Joint Headquarters were discussed earlier in this publication.

In June 2010, 14 Soldiers from JFHQ participated in Cooperative Resolve 2010 in Turkey. One of the many highlights of this exercise was the promotion of CW3 Cameron Nielson to CW4. CW4 Nielson was pinned by a Turkish officer, Colonel Nuri CANKIYMAZ.

In August 2010, 13 soldiers participated in Rapid Trident in the Ukraine. JFHQ continues to train their soldiers so they can support units through SRP's and for filling vacancies in other units mobilizing. JFHQ soldiers helped SRP approximately 900 soldiers from Utah for mobilizations.

In the course of the last year, there has been a wealth of experience from Joint Forces Headquarters that have retired. There have been some key leaders who have retired and moved on with life. We wish them luck and thank them for their service as they transition and pursue further ambitions. These leaders and Soldiers will all be missed by those throughout the Utah Army National Guard whose lives they have touched.

To end the year, we saw some changes to the full time staff. We welcome CW3 Greg Koyle to our full time staff. 2 of our full time staff, CW3 Kelly and SFC Harrell, had served JFHQ soldiers for over 5 years. We will greatly miss their services and expertise and wish them luck in their new assignments.

Our unit will continue to show support to Soldiers serving in all units in the Utah Army National Guard. We have a great supply of expertise from our part time Soldiers as well. This combination of knowledge and experience helps us as a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment provide the best support we can to everyone we can serve in any way. 🇺🇸



During Cooperative Resolve 2010 in Turkey, CW3 Cameron Nielson, center, is pinned by Turkish officer, Colonel Nuri CANKIYMAZ. Members of Headquarters, Headquarters, Joint Forces Headquarters - Utah, participate in Cooperative Resolve in Turkey.





It has been another great recruiting year! We continue to lead the nation in Recruiting as well as the Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP). It is through outstanding efforts and dedication to mission that the RRB continues to set the

standard nationally. Many thanks are owed to our individual recruiters for their level of professionalism. With such success comes great responsibility and each recruiter is ready for whatever challenges may come.

As we look to the future we have a challenge to find those in our High Schools that could use this great opportunity to serve in the Utah Army National Guard. We recognize that there are many young people out there that need what we have to offer in their lives. This year the recruiters have been challenged to make a concerted effort in our High Schools. Support from anyone in the Utah National Guard with this endeavor will be graciously welcomed - Come to the RRB with your ideas and opportunities!


Many have noticed that this past Fiscal Year the RRB has done some good work in marketing on our Utah college campuses. We now have in place Marketing Contracts with Utah State University, Weber State University, Salt Lake Community College, Utah University, Brigham Young University and Utah Valley University. Recruiters have been challenged to embrace college recruiting events as never before. With enlistment bonuses almost non-existent, it seems that higher education opportunities will be the incentive that some will need to join the Utah Army National Guard ranks. For Sothern Utah, the RRB is looking to add marketing contracts to Southern Utah University and Dixie State College this next Fiscal Year as well. The future is bright in our college and university potential recruits!

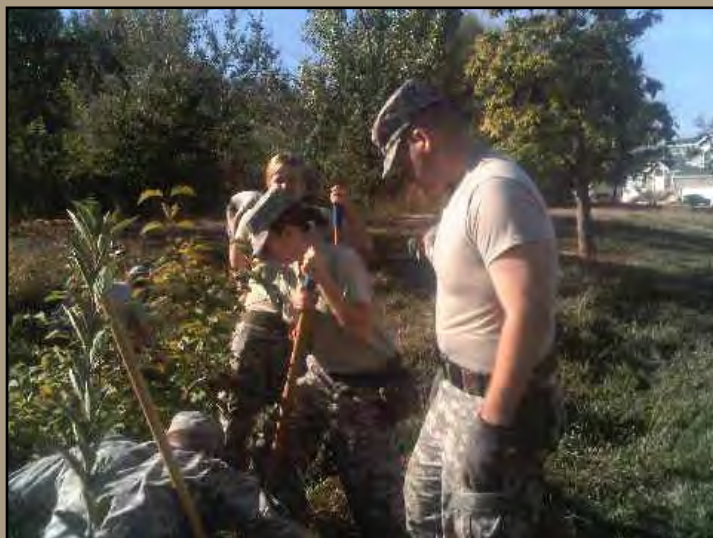
The recruiting environment for this next fiscal year is clearly going to be one of the most challenging we have seen in recent

years. As a State we have seen continued growth for the past several years and with our recruiter's hard work we have grown each year by at least 100 Soldiers. For the next several years, we are told, we will be asked to maintain our strength at the current level which is 5,600 Soldiers. Obviously this creates several challenges that we will have to overcome. Slots will continue to be an issue, so an insightful plan to use projected losses by MOS for the creation of Excess Slots or "S-slots" is being enacted. The idea is that the RRB recruiter will enlist Soldiers into these slots and once a vacancy in the MOS is achieved, these Soldiers will be moved from an excess slot to the real or "hard slot".

The RRB will also be looking for Soldiers in all Units that have the education level to fill the officer ranks. There are currently about 100 officer vacancies so this is an obvious area that we can grow into without delay or very much special planning. The RRB will be making a big push to get these slots filled. We have a need for both Commissioned Officer Candidates as well as Warrant Officer Candidates. There are many programs to get someone to that "Butter Bar" or "Dot" quickly. Help us find those officer candidates that you would like to follow one day... Or better yet, get proficient enough to be that Subject Matter Expert Warrant Officer yourself!

Our Utah Senior Leadership has recognized all that the RRB has accomplished; remarking that our Soldiers really are the "Best of the Best". The RRB has also started a Family Support Program, with Mrs. Tami Lowery serving as our Family Support Coordinator. She has great support from the State Family Programs staff and we are delighted at what she has already delivered to us. This year's Awards Conference honored SFC Paul Klimack as the Directors 54, formerly known as the Chief's 54, recognizing him as the top recruiter for FY10. However, the bulk of effort and time was focusing on and recognizing support at home. Many recruiters exceeded their mission requirements this year but could not have accomplished this feat without supportive spouses and family members.

With such great support coupled with adroit Soldiers and insightful plans to overcome certain challenges, the UTARNG RRB has and will continue to be "Spot on!" 



Recruiting and Retention Battalion, Alpha Company members, participate in Guard the Environment by planting trees, covering crops, weeding, building a retaining wall and laying out new mulch as part of Tree Utah at the Salt Lake City Echo Garden.



Recruiting and Retention Battalion, Delta Company, Recruit Sustainment Program Soldiers conduct Guard the Environment exercise along the new Spanish Fork Trail where 31 Soldiers removed 15 bags of trash in a two hour period.
Recruiting and Retention members run along a trail in Southern Utah.

Director of Aviation and Safety



The Director of Aviation and Safety encompasses the functions of Occupational Health, Ground and Aviation Safety and the Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF) with COL Scott Robinson as director and CW5 Lynn Higgins as deputy director of Aviation and Safety.



Lieutenant Colonel Fran Marcus, RN, manages the Occupational Health program. The mission of the occupational health nurse is to monitor health baseline data of Utah Guard employees through initial screening and periodic medical surveillance. The occupational health nurse conducts hearing-conservation monitoring, industrial hygiene surveillance, radiation and respiratory-protection monitoring and vision-protection screening and monitoring to ensure healthful working conditions are maintained. LTC Marcus has worked hard this year with the procurement of safety equipment to include safety glasses and ear plugs. Her work with cleaning up unused ranges has paid dividends in reclaiming a lot of space for offices, classrooms and storage. She continues to contract fitness trainers, weight loss professionals and conducting medical screenings. LTC Marcus led the State to a first place finish in the Utah Corporate games this year.

Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Jensen continues to handle the Utah Army National Guard Ground Safety Program. The mission of the safety office is to provide a safe environment to members of the Utah Guard. Through inspections, investigations and monitoring of historic data the safety office ensures safety awareness and prevention are foremost in the fight against accidental loss or injury. The Safety Office inspects all National Guard armories and shops to determine compliance with OSHA and other regulatory requirements and to assist units in correcting any unsafe conditions or practices. This is the first year that

all organizations have completed the year with a successful safety inspection. The Ground Safety Section published the new UTARNG Regulation 85-10 and has updated the state strategic safety plan. Safety has collected, reviewed, analyzed and investigated several accidents involving Guard personnel and property. They then developed control-measures to reduce accident rates and reverse trends. A big discussion this year has been about wearing helmets while driving tactical vehicles. The state hazards log and State Safety Council have been instrumental tools in reducing risk and mitigating dangerous situations. The Safety Section provides training to Guard members to increase their knowledge and skills, and to conduct operations in a safe manner. They have also contracted motorcycle safety courses to improve safety while riding.

The Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF) provides a safe, effective, quality aviation program for the Utah Army National Guard in support of its federal and state missions. Lieutenant Colonel James Bledsoe commands the aviation support facility and its 100 plus employees. Major Greg Hartvigsen oversees the operations staff and CW3 Lewis Scovil directs maintenance operations. The AASF supports 24 AH-64 Apache helicopters, 12 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters and one C-12 Beechcraft King Air fixed-wing aircraft. The AASF supports two Battalions and more than 100 aviators and crewmembers. The AASF received 24 AH-64D longbow Apache aircraft from deployment in Iraq. These aircraft were shepherded through reset and are now fully supporting the 1-211th's flying hour program. The AASF saw many improvements this year to include, receiving a Longbow crew trainer and initiating a Longbow simulator training program. The Facility saw the elimination of a major fire hazard as the berm was leveled out so it could be mowed. All units fielded the Electronic Data Manager and now have the Blue Force Tracker operational.

During Fiscal Year 2010 The Utah Army National Guard flew more hours than ever before. The State flew 3,786 AH-64 hours and 1,516 UH-60 hours. This is about 1000 hours more

than average. Utah National Guard fought three fires at Camp Williams this year. The last was a 3,780 acre fire. Utah National Guard Aviation flew 65 hours over four days, delivering 106,000 gallons of water to the effort. Aviation flew 90 support missions for various entities, to include Dugway Proving Grounds, Hill Air Force Base, most Utah Army National Guard Major Commands, and all of the State's ROTC programs. Aircraft supported training, VIP flights, emergency support missions, search and rescue, recruiting static displays, flyovers, parades,

external loads, troop lifts, external load transport, fire fighting and many other unit support missions. During the summer Utah National Guard Aviation supported the DEA in lifting 17 million dollars of marijuana out of the hills of central Utah. The AASF provides aircraft maintenance and aircrew training support to the 97th Aviation Troop Command; 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation; Company A, 2-211th GSAV; Company C, 2-285th Air Assault and Detachment 50, Operational Support Airlift. 🇺🇸

Training Site Command

Training Site Command at Camp W. G. Williams is "the Premier Training Center of Choice." Our mission is to create a quality training environment for military units, individual Service members and other DOD, federal, state, law enforcement and civilian organizations by providing quality facilities, excellent logistical support, and professional personnel assistance to set the stage for top-quality training.

Camp Williams' unique location provides access to mountain, desert, water and river training areas. The staff is continually seeking ways to improve and enhance training facilities, ranges, and courses in order to make a Soldier's stay more productive and enjoyable. We are proud of the contribution we make to the Soldiers of the Utah National Guard and to the citizens of the State of Utah.

Range Control oversees 28,000 acres of combat training areas resembling the same types of environments encountered by those currently serving in Operations New Dawn and Enduring Freedom. Primary training facilities include small-



A HUMVEE convoy enroute to the Forward Operating Base at Camp Williams, Utah. The Forward Operating Base at Camp Williams is a premier training site for Servicemembers.

arms and crew-served weapons ranges, artillery firing points, demolition and grenade ranges. Urban training environments include the Military Operations in Urban Terrain shoot house, dismounted/mounted maneuver areas, and a forward-operating base.

Camp Williams facilities directly supported more than 75 youth groups. Popular interests included the rappel tower and Leadership Reaction course. The more notable youth activities are Freedom Academy and Civil Air Patrol.


Other training highlights include support to the 2-4 Infantry, 10th Mountain Division, a large active Army unit that choose Camp Williams for their pre-mobilization training.

Logistics Division Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) continues to provide support for all units of the Utah National Guard, numerous active component Army units, the Army and Marine Corps Reserves and ROTC classes from around the state. Desert Chemical Depot uses the ASP to draw small-arms ammunition for training and security missions.

Currently ammunition categories II through category IV can be drawn from the ASP. When completed at the end of 2010, a new ASP will be able to accommodate all categories of ammunition for units to draw according to their authorizations. Artillery units will be able to draw cannon shells from Camp Williams instead of traveling to Tooele Army Depot. Aviation units will be able to draw rockets from the new ASP as well.

The new Ammunition Supply Point will be a great asset to all units training at Camp.

The Troop Issue Subsistence Activity (TISA) provides Class I supply to units in the state and to outside agencies as needed. The TISA typically provides support for all branches of the military that require feeding. With proper coordination, ingredients for meals can be ordered and delivered to the warehouse to be stored in refrigeration units until pickup and preparation by unit cooks. The Logistics Section works with Range Control and Facilities Management to maintain the sleeping quarters for units needing open-bay quarters. The Logistics Section also stocks and supplies dining facilities (DFAC) and runs and maintains the Qualified Recycling Program (QRP). Spent brass from the firing ranges is gathered, deformed, and sold to recycling centers. Future plans are to build a new QRP building to manage current operations and expand into larger paper and cardboard operations.

Facilities Engineer Division is responsible for planning and coordinating installation construction and reconstruction projects, providing facility maintenance, managing federal and state lands, and preserving historic holdings. Major projects included the remodeling of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Post Exchange facility, nearly doubling its size; and the overhaul of the electrical system on camp, from the traditional poles to underground electrical. 

The 640th Regiment RTI (Regional Training Institute) is commanded by COL Ed Gundersen and CSM Daryl Hall. The Regiment consists of four training Battalions, and 115 Soldiers. Also, employs more than 275 full time Soldiers, Contractors, and Civil Service Technicians.

The 640th RTI works in conjunction with the National Guard Bureau and Training and Doctrine Command to provide schooling and training for Army National Guard, Army Reservists, and active-duty Soldiers in combat arms, military occupational specialization, leadership, noncommissioned officer education, and general studies. The RTI monitors and regulates academic instruction, student dining and housing, and Regiment facilities. The RTI headquarters oversees the Regiment's four battalions.

First Battalion, 640th Regiment (NCOA), conducts training for senior NCOs and junior enlisted Soldiers in all Army service branches. Non-Commissioned Officer Education System (NCOES) courses include Warrior Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, Senior Leader Course, and First Sergeant Course. The Battalion is one of six NCO academies within the Army National Guard. Second Battalion, 640th Regiment (Modular) trains 25U Signal Support System Specialist and 25B Information Systems Specialist. In addition, it trains all state-directed courses including Bus Driver Training Course,

Ground Combat Course, Officer Candidate School Phase Zero, Battle Staff NCO Course and any other training directed by the Adjutant General.

Third Battalion, 640th Regiment Field Artillery trains the majority of all MOS training and NCO technical tracks in FA. Courses include 13B Cannon Crewmember, 13D Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data Specialist, 13F Field Support Specialist, and 13S Field Artillery Surveyor.

Fourth Battalion, 640th Regiment is currently one of only two National Guard schools accredited to conduct Military Intelligence reclassification training. Courses taught include 35M Human Intelligence Collector, 35F Intelligence Analysts, and 35L Counter Intelligence Agent.

Headquarters 640th RTI is the Military Intelligence (MI) Subject Matter Expert Cell for National Guard Bureau and provides liaison support to Fort Huachuca, DLI and National Guard Bureau. The Regiment oversees all National Guard institutional training for MI, training allocations for course managers, reviews Course Management Plans and Programs of Instruction, designated representative for all National Guard Bureau MI training.

In FY10, the RTI graduated almost 9,000 Soldiers in NCOES, Field Artillery (FA), Signal Corps, (SC), MI, and Modular courses which contributed to the readiness of the Army.

The 640th Regiment (RTI) is located at Camp Williams, Utah in the new Total Army School System (TASS) complex. The 19 million dollar complex is approximately 54,000 square feet and



trains Soldiers in state-of-the-art classrooms with modern technology and equipment, which will greatly enhance students' NCOES education.

Fourth Battalion unveiled its new and accredited Secure Training Facility – Intelligence (STF-I) building, which trains reclassification students in MI MOS'. The STF-I will allow connectivity with Fort Huachuca and other training sites to conduct real time culmination exercises. 🇺🇸

Warrior Leader Course students conducting Land Navigation at Camp Williams, Utah

Environmental Resources Management

Environmental Resources Management (NGUT-ERM) was involved in many innovative and important activities in FY10. All of these activities were in support of environmental stewardship of our military training lands to accomplish our vital training mission.

The Beef Hollow gravel pit at Camp Williams was historically used to provide road base and other construction fill materials. Opened by the 1457th Engineer Battalion in the 1980s it was used for the Beef Hollow road improvement during subsequent Annual Training (AT) periods. The Wood Hollow gravel pit with a contracted gravel crusher, however, produced better material. Subsequently when the Beef Hollow road project was completed, the Beef Hollow pit fell into disuse. ERM was tasked to reclaim the site. A three phase plan to restore the site came together by combining ERM capabilities in natural, cultural and Integrated Training Area Management,

Phase one involved re-contouring the site to reduce erosion and improve condition for re-vegetation. Training Site Command (TSC) supported the effort with three bulldozers. Training soldiers stationed, maintained and operated the equipment. The Soldiers worked 10 hour days, providing their own maintenance support and fuel. They completed this phase in only five days.



Bulldozers get ready to re-contour the Beef Hollow gravel pit.



Water tanks are placed for "wildlife guzzler."

Phase two consisted of constructing a wildlife watering system. This "wildlife guzzler" collects and stores rainwater on Camp Williams. There are few open water sources in the training area and if successful the project will prevent some deer from crossing Redwood Road to get to the Jordan River and other open canals on the east side. This required vertical construction of a 24' x 24' collection surface which feeds two 275 gallon underground tanks supplying a float metered trough. This was completed by training soldiers and ERM staff and resources.

Phase three involved restoring site vegetation to control future erosion and improve wildlife habitat. Application of a specific mix of seed was dispersed over the site. A herd of goats was used to aid in preparing the seed bed. The trampling action of the goat hooves mixed seed, soil, and nutrients. Straw water barriers called “waddles” were installed to prevent erosion and completed the project.



Goats aid the reseeded of the rehabilitated area

This in house project combining Soldier training, ERM staff and resources was an effective and efficient use of limited funds. This project, if contracted would have cost over \$100,000. The collaboration of ERM staff, Soldier training and equipment assets from ERM and TSC, resulted in the completion of this three phase project for under \$16,000. Future planned projects include fire rehabilitation, prevention and erosion control.

ERM started field work in 2010 at six munitions response sites surrounding Camp Williams on lands formerly owned or operated by the Utah National Guard. The sites vary in size from less than 10 acres to more than 5,000 acres, and involve the use of munitions ranging from those used in troop training (blanks, flares, obscurants) to artillery rounds. Field crews surveyed

for munitions along multiple pre-designed transects. Instrument-aided visual surface sweeps as well as digital-geophysical mapping



A pre-WWII French 75 round was found at Wood Hollow.
Expended 75 mm Mkl Shrapnel Projectile Round.

was used to detect subsurface metallic anomalies. Work to assess the nature and extent of contamination is ongoing at this time and the level of cleanup required is unknown.



Intrusive Team is investigating a selected anomaly at Wood Hollow Transect.

Access to the munitions response sites has involved an extensive effort to obtain right-of-entry to over 300 parcels of private and public lands. Additionally, UTNG has waged a public relations campaign, worked with local municipalities, homeowners associations, and other stakeholders, and maintained a restoration advisory board to involve the above groups.

Significant strides have been made in the area of drinking water quality at Camp Williams. Over the past year, ERM reduced the number of Camp William’s water quality deficiencies. One major project completed this year was a new spring collection box for Hidden Valley Springs 1 to 4. The Hidden Valley Springs are considered a pristine water source and provide a majority of the water to Camp Williams. The Springs 1 to 4 collection box supplies the pump house with over half of the water from all seven springs. This replacement increased the amount of water available for supply while improving quality and efficiency. In addition to the spring collection box, the pump house was completely remodeled with a new liner in the ~50,000 gallon cistern.



Condition of Hidden Valley Springs 1-4 Collection Box After Replacement.



Condition of Hidden Valley Springs 1-4 Collection Box Before Replacement.

ERM worked closely with project planners in an effort to preserve the Utah National Guard's historic armories. The Fillmore Armory was constructed by the Works Progress Administration in 1938, and is currently the oldest active armory in the state. This year ERM and project planners worked together to restore the distinctive triple entry and transom windows which were removed in the late-1970s. Restoration of these important architectural features allows natural light into the building and returned the armory to its original 1930s appearance.

ERM conducted archaeological excavations at the Richfield Armory as part of the ongoing renovation project. Excavation of footing trenches for a building addition revealed Native American artifacts and features which date between A.D. 700 and A.D. 1100. The archaeological deposits are associated with the Fremont Complex, a prehistoric cultural tradition known throughout the state for its mixed reliance on corn farming and wild resources. Excavations at the Richfield Armory will help archaeologists to better understand Fremont settlement and subsistence practices in Central Utah.

ERM's Cultural Resources Manager was recognized by The Adjutant General and the staff at the Fort Douglas Military Museum for his ongoing volunteer efforts to excavate portions of Camp Floyd, a pre-Civil War era military post in Fairfield, Utah. The excavations at Camp Floyd revealed the remains of

several infantry and cavalry barracks which were constructed in 1858 by Soldiers serving under General Albert Sidney Johnston.

In December 2009, the ERM Office facilitated the declaration of full conformance by the Utah National Guard of the ISO14001 Environmental Management System (EMS) standards. Through a series of internal audits and strategic meetings within the Environmental Quality Control Committee, the UTNG has integrated mission sustainability into mission objectives.

Most significantly, ERM has successfully integrated the requirements of Executive Orders 13423 and 13415 into the EMS. The expected benefits will include an increase use of alternative fuel, hybrid, and low speed electrical vehicles where practicable; reduced greenhouse gas emissions as a result of facility energy intensity reduction initiatives; reduced water consumption; expanded purchases of environmental-sound goods, including biobased products; as well as the acquisition of electronics which meet the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool Standards.

ERM has developed a web-based system to track progress of EMS initiatives and programs which, cumulatively, will result in meeting Executive Order requirements and ISO Standards.



65th Fires Brigade



The 65th Fires Brigade has been very busy with many New Equipment Trainings and Fielding's, and through all this the units continued to attend many exercises and trainings to prove their viability and readiness. One exercise that HHB, 65th FiB participated in was a joint exercise with the United States Navy. The Fleet Synthetic Training-Joint (FST-J) exercises are the capstone training events the Navy uses to certify a Carrier Strike Group (CSG) prior to deployment. The exercise incorporated both higher headquarters and subordinate elements, which are difficult to duplicate during home station training. The FST-J exercises incorporate units from the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps. These elements, along with robust Naval unit participation, have provided the Brigade with the opportunity to train on joint tasks including the employment of naval gunfire, close air support, air interdiction, and Marine attack helicopter support, and the employment of Unmanned Aircraft System systems.

On Sept. 17, COL Richard Miller relinquished command of the 65th Fires Brigade to COL Loren Fuller.

The 2-222nd Field Artillery Battalion embarked on a busy training year as their M109A6 Paladins Howitzers underwent an overhaul of their communication and positioning systems. The 2-222 FA along with the 213th Forward Support Company went to Fort Stewart, Ga. for Annual Training in May 2010. After the Soldiers endured the six-hour flight on C-130's,



Annual Training began with intensive equipment draws and heavy maintenance. The different and unfamiliar terrain forced the Battalion Soldiers to work hard and employ different Artillery tactics that were not normally used at the normal training areas in Dugway and Camp Williams, Utah.

Additionally the 2-222nd FA sent 23 Soldiers, two Paladins, and support personnel to Yuma, Ariz., to provide Artillery fires for Unmanned Aircraft System testing and




Colonel Loren Fuller receives the colors from BG Michael Liechty. Colonel Richard Miller (back right) relinquished command of the 65th Fires Brigade on Sept. 17 to COL Loren Fuller (left).

training. The test command at Yuma Proving Grounds gave tremendous kudos to the Soldiers of the Triple Deuce for their professionalism, work ethic, and subject matter expertise.

On Aug. 7, LTC Seven Esplin relinquished command of the 2-222nd FA to LTC Brad Fuller.

The 1-145th Field Artillery Battalion met its training objectives and reestablished their expertise to function as a Field Artillery Battalion. In addition to the tremendous collective training progress, the Battalion hosted a boss-lift to ensure employers of Utah Army National Guard Soldiers are supportive of its National Guard members. Each employer was afforded the opportunity to fly in a Blackhawk helicopter to Dugway, Utah and participate in artillery missions. In addition, the unit coordinated missions with the 1-211th Aviation Battalion where employers were able to watch combined live-fire missions from both artillery fire and Apache helicopters.

As always, the Battalion was proud to support numerous community events with cannon salutes such as Veteran's Day and 4th of July parades, flag retirement ceremonies and a nineteen-gun salute for Honorable Governor Gary R. Herbert in September during Governor's Day. 



Staff members of the 65th Fires Brigade work on a simulation at Fleet Synthetic Training-Joint exercise with Navy. (front: PFC Taylor Thompson, SGM Ron Doooley, CPT Michael Kjar, MAJ Steve Brenchley. back: CW3 Greg Koyle, SSG Gray Hansen, CW3 Scott Palfreyman.)



The 65th FiB change of command, Left to Right, outgoing commander COL Richard Miller, CSM James Liechty, Incoming commander COL Scott Fuller at the Distinguished Visitors Quarters, at Camp Williams, Utah.

1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery



The 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery (BIG RED) completed a vigorous training year as the Battalion continued to regain its proficiency as Artillerymen.

The unit shined once again with exemplary performance and the officers, Soldiers and unit can be proud of what they accomplished.

The emphasis of the Battalion during this training year was to certify as batteries and as a battalion. This built on last year's training as we were using a crawl, walk, run approach after the 2007 – 2008 deployment. Due to the outstanding Soldiers and leadership of this Battalion, the unit met its training objectives and reestablished their expertise to function as a Field Artillery Battalion. The men performed in exemplary fashion.



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watch combined live fire missions from both artillery fire and Apache helicopters.

The 214th Fire Support Company, (FSC) was also real busy and productive this training year. They also received many upgrades in equipment through new equipment fielding's. New generators and vehicles were the main source of their fieldings. They received the new 1165 HMMWV's, new HEMAT fuelers, and were fielded the Blue Force Tracker in all rolling stock vehicles. They also received many upgraded and equipment to assist with their maintenance roll in support of the entire



Members of the 1-145th Field Artillery train on the Paladins at Camp Williams, Utah.

Battalion. These upgrades have greatly increased the mission readiness of the Forward Support Company.

In January, the Battalion hosted the 65th Fires Brigade annual Redleg Social at Talons Cove in Saratoga Springs, Utah. It was a huge success which brought Redlegs and their spouses around the state together. The 2nd Annual Artillery Barrage Golf Tournament was also hosted by the Battalion at Talons Cove Golf Course. This was an opportunity to bring Utah National Guardsmen and supporters of the National Guard together in a relaxed environment.

As always, the Battalion was proud to support numerous community events with cannon salutes such as Veterans Day, 4th of July parades, flag retirement ceremonies and a nineteen gun



As part of a Boss Lift, employers receiving a briefing on missions that are being conducted at Dugway, Utah.

salute for Honorable Governor Gary R. Herbert in September during Governor's Day.

The 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery completed a challenging and worthwhile year with core competency training. The perseverance and professionalism of the Soldiers and leaders of the unit were key to the success of the unit.

BIG RED is a seasoned team of officers and Soldiers with the support of their families and employers standing ready to answer the call of duty. 🇺🇸



Members of C Battery 1-145th Field Artillery receive the Battalion Top Gun Award and the Top POC Award.

Left to right, BACK ROW: CPT Gary Bartholomew, 2LT Jonathon Call, PV2 David Perkins, PV2 Matthew Atwood, SGT David Remkes, SPC Lee Eaton, SPC Brady Moody, SPC Kasy Mitchell, 1SG Richard Carter. FRONT ROW: PFC Mark Halle, SPC Daniel Ray, SSG Clint Markland, SSG Nathan Spence, SPC Arthur Hendrickson, SGT Kenneth Pavia.

2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery



The 2nd Battalion 222 Field Artillery training year was a great success, busy with multiple training events, New Equipment Training (NET), as well as CONUS training event.

The 2-222nd Field Artillery embarked on a busy training year as we planned for New Equipment fielding's. The M109A6 Paladin underwent an overhaul of its communication and positioning system. The AFCS became the PDFCS and the PLGR became the DAGR. The PDFCS will enable the Paladin to fire precision guided munitions such as the Excalibur. The Paladin also received the Blue Force Tracker (BFT), the same system many of the soldiers have used on deployments. The FDC also received upgrades in their equipment. The large, almost immobile AFATDS was replaced with a windows based Panasonic Laptop computer. This upgrade was significant in computer performance and training abilities for all 13D's. The

new up-armored configured 1165 HMMWV was also fielded in the battalion. These vehicles came equipped with all the improvements over the old M998 HMMWV such as a turbo, air-conditioning, and improved suspension. The addition of the HMMWVs greatly increased the battalion's readiness for State and Federal missions. All tracked vehicles and HMMWVs were equipped with the Blue Force Tracker (BFT).



A High Angle Fire Mission at Fort Stewart, Ga. is conducted by the 2-22nd Field Artillery.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Members of the 2-222nd FA participate in a Tactical Operations Center at Fort Stewart, Ga. during Annual Training in May.

Soldiers participated in a week-long training on the new PDFCS and DAGR in January 2010 at the St. George Armory to learn the new PDFCS and BFT. Along with the FDC and gun crews, mechanics were involved to learn how to trouble shoot the new Paladin computer system. All Soldiers did an outstanding job and were praised by the NET fielding team for their hard work and attention to detail. We would expect nothing less from the fighting Soldiers of the 2-222 FA.

The 213th Forward Support Company also received many upgrades in equipment through NET fielding's. New generators and vehicles were the main source of their NET fielding's. They received the new 1165 HMMWV's, new HEMAT fuelers, and were fielded the BFT in all rolling stock vehicles. These upgrades have greatly increased the mission readiness of the Forward Support Company.

The last main NET the Deuce participated in was the Excalibur training in Dugway two days before our Spring LFX. Gun crews, FDC, and mechanics learned all about the capabilities and the employment of the Excalibur round. The precision guided munitions will enable the future of Artillery to remain relevant in an urban combat zone.

Soldier support and family awareness continue to be a priority of the battalion. Though most Soldiers that have deployed have been home for several years, the effects of combat have remained evident in our Soldiers. The Army has increased their training on suicide prevention, PTSD, and general stress of Soldiers. The Soldier fitness tracker was introduced and emphasized throughout the battalion. The state has provided increased counseling opportunities for Soldiers and their families who seek their help.

The 2-222 FA and 213th FSC went to Fort Stewart, Ga. for Annual Training in May 2010. After the Soldiers endured the 6 hour flight on C-130's, Annual Training began with intensive

equipment draws and heavy maintenance. The equipment that was available for training needed a lot of maintenance, due to lack of usage by the GAARNG. Soldiers worked long hours to get ready for the field training exercise. All the Soldiers enjoyed training in a different part of the country. The different and unfamiliar terrain forced the Battalion Soldiers to work hard and employ different Artillery tactics: TTP's that were not normally used at our familiar training areas in Dugway and Camp Williams. Due to the terrain, almost all rounds shot had to be High Angle missions to clear mask data from the tall ponderosa pines that encompass the Fort Stewart, Ga., training area. It was evident from the pictures that have circulated that many Soldiers enjoyed the alien wildlife in Georgia (gators, turtles, several poisonous snakes). No one suffered any injuries from the local wildlife. The Battalion commander and CSM allowed some R&R time at the end of camp for Soldiers to enjoy the beaches, food, and atmosphere on Tybee Island. All enjoyed a good time with no incidents.

Shortly after returning home from Annual Training, the Deuce sent 23 Soldiers, two Paladins, and supporting cast to Yuma, Arizona to provide Artillery fires for UAV's. The unit rounds and adjusted fire based on the observation from the UAV's. The tests were a success and will allow for future training opportunities for Artillery and UAV's to work together to provide Fire Support. The test command and Yuma Proving Grounds gave tremendous kudos to the Soldiers of the Triple Deuce for their professionalism, work ethic and subject matter expertise.

The Battalion has begun preparing for a possible deployment in June 2011 in Iraq. The unit received an official alert of a pending deployment on 3 July 2010. The Battalion has been able to employ several Soldiers on ADOS orders to assist in the mobilization preparation.

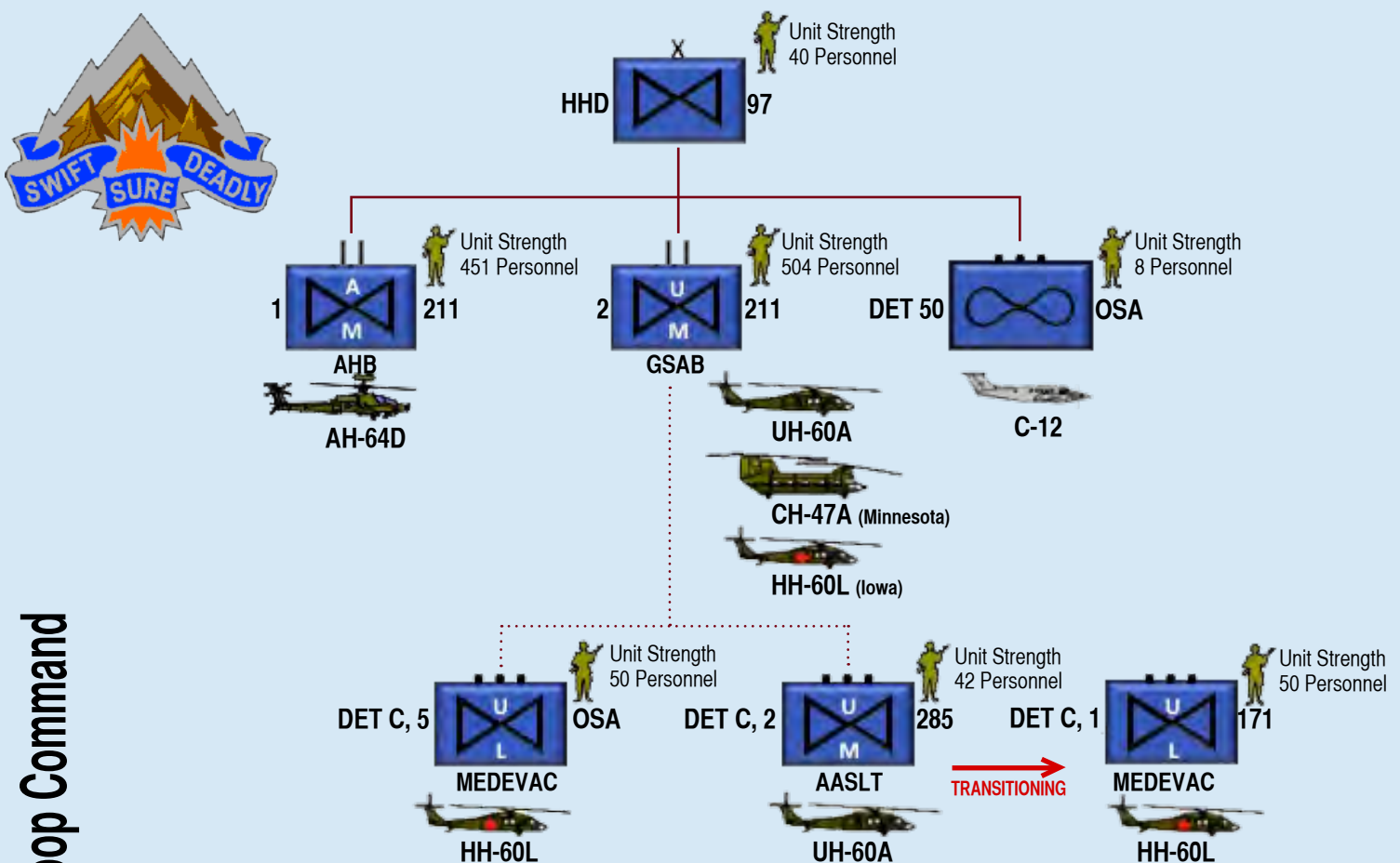


On August 7, 2010, LTC Seven K Esplin relinquished command of the 2-222nd FA after two successful years. The responsibility of the command was given to LTC Brad Fuller who jumped in with both feet to help the Battalion continue its successful training and preparation for the defense of the State of Utah and the United States of America.

Whatever the future holds in 2011 for the Triple Deuce, we will always be relevant, ready, and prepared to perform any mission, anywhere, any time. 🇺🇸



Left to Right - SFC Bulloch, 1SG Allred, CPT Triplett (HHB 2-222 FA) travel on C-130's enroute to Hunter Airfield, Georgia.



The 2-285th Air Assault Detachment deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, these 40 plus Soldiers enjoyed tremendous success in Iraq by flying nearly 1,000 combat missions which included Aviation Quick Reaction Force operations, participating as Command and Control platforms in support of the Iraqi elections and transporting every Distinguished Visitor in their sector of responsibility. Additionally, these exceptional crew members and support personnel participated in combined Air Assault operations with their Iraqi counterparts. During the last week of September, 2010 the 2-285th

redeployed through Fort Sill, Okla., before returning to a hero's welcome at the Salt Lake Air National Guard Base. Detachment 50 OSA deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. This small unit supported Approach Surveillance Radar missions by flying long-combat missions all over Afghanistan. Detachment 50 was the first unit to conduct the Task Force ODIN missions in Afghanistan. Task Force ODIN missions were being used regularly and having great success in Iraq previous to DET 50 arriving in Afghanistan with King Air 300 aircraft to establish the program there. The unit re-deployed and returned home on March 12, 2010.



Detachment 50, Operational Support Airlift C12T1 (Fixed Wing)



On April 9, LTC James Bledsoe relinquished command of 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation to MAJ Greg Hartvigsen. At the same time, 1st Battalion was continuing to receive the new AH-64D Apache Longbow aircraft. The unit spent many man hours re-assembling the aircraft at port, in Beaumont, Texas, conducting maintenance test flights and then ferrying the aircraft back to Utah. Since that time, the unit has been focused on training the aviators in the new aircraft and working to continue to work on fixing aircraft deficiencies within the Apache Longbow fleet. The Battalion has utilized the use of the Aviation Combined Arms Tactical Trainer as well as the Longbow Crew Trainer both of which are aircraft simulators for pilots to conduct tactical missions. The 1st Battalion is feverishly training and preparing for unit validation in the new Longbow aircraft with 21st Cavalry at Fort Hood, Texas. After the unit validation is complete, 1st Battalion will leave on an extended combat deployment.

2010 was also a challenging year for 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB). This past year, the War Horse battalion received notice that Alpha Company, 2-211 will deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Many of the Soldiers assigned to this unit had just returned from a previous deployment in February 2009 and were being asked to sacrifice family and job for a back to back deployment. As a credit to the caliber of Soldiers in the 2nd

Battalion, finding qualified and highly competent volunteers was not a difficult task. The primary training objective of the 2-211 GSAB prior to the notification for deployment was to draw upon their tactical experience to train for domestic missions. The unit conducted aviation operations geared around an earthquake along the Wasatch Front. The unit conducted realistic response missions with great results. Aerial firefighting/water bucket operations training was also aggressively conducted during the year and those skills were put to the test the last month of 2010 as 2nd Battalion personnel and aircraft were deployed under state active duty orders to fight the fire on Camp Williams which threatened many Herriman homes.

During 2010, the Headquarters Detachment, 97th Aviation Troop Command provided support to the subordinate units though Organizational inspections as well as logistical, personnel and operational support. At the same time, the unit participated in the annual joint bilateral training exercise event supporting the Yama Sakura 57 exercise at Camp Chitose, Japan. The unit supported the bilateral exercise by sending approximately 75 personnel to both Hawaii and Japan to plan and execute aviation missions for the exercise. The 97th Aviation Troop Command is currently in the planning process for its next joint bilateral exercise which will be held in Germany beginning the first part of the next fiscal year. 🇺🇸

The mobilization of W7Y450 DETACHMENT 50 (Operational Support Airlift) took place on March 11, 2009. The six Soldiers arrived at the mobilization station at Fort Benning, Ga., on the 14th of that same month. The unit was mobilized for deployment to Operation Enduring Freedom 9. The unit spent approximately 10 days at mobilization station accomplishing individual Soldier skill training, theater specific skill training, aviation related training, and unit validation. The unit then moved to Hagerstown, Md., for aircraft specific training. The pilots were trained on the King Air 300 Medium Altitude Reconnaissance and Surveillance System (MARRS) aircraft, while the enlisted aircrew member was trained to operate the surveillance equipment in the backend of the aircraft.

On June 17, 2010 the unit's main body arrived in Bagram, Afghanistan for combat duty. Three Det. 50 Pilots were tasked to ferry aircraft to Afghanistan with the last Det. 50 Soldier arriving in theater on Sept. 14, 2010. With the exception of CW5 Don Jacobson, all Det. 50 members were stationed at Bagram airbase. CW5 Jacobson served as the operations officer for the platoon conducting operations at Kandahar airbase in the south of Afghanistan. Detachment 50 left theater on March 5, 2010 arriving at Fort Benning, Ga., March 8, 2010 for demobilization. Detachment

50 was released from Fort Benning on March 17, 2010 and released from active duty on May 25, 2010.

After completing his command with a successful deployment to Afghanistan CW5 Don Jacobson relinquished command to CW4 Dave Odekirk on Aug. 1, 2010. Detachment 50 was also joined by CW4 Dave Januzelli and CW2 Jared Lundberg filling all empty positions in the Detachment. CW5 Don Jacobson and CW5 Fabian Salazar were both retained as Augmentees to continue to fly the C-12. 🇺🇸



Supporting Task Force ODIN, CW5 Don Jacobson and the C-12 aircraft during their year deployment to Kandahar, Afghanistan.

1st Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment



To say that Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10) was an eventful year for 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation (Attack Reconnaissance Battalion) would be an understatement.

The Air Pirates began the year by providing support to 97th Aviation Troop Command for the Yama Sakura 57 exercise. The 1-211th provided 20 personnel to support this international exercise. The group that participated was split-stationed overseas at Camp Chitose, Japan and stateside at Fort Lewis, Wa. The YS57 exercise provided valuable experience in Operations (OPS) to the Soldiers and our Battalion for upcoming future operations.


The year also began for the 1-211th with the modernization of its Apache fleet while at the same time advancing the Readiness Level (RL Progression) of its pilots.

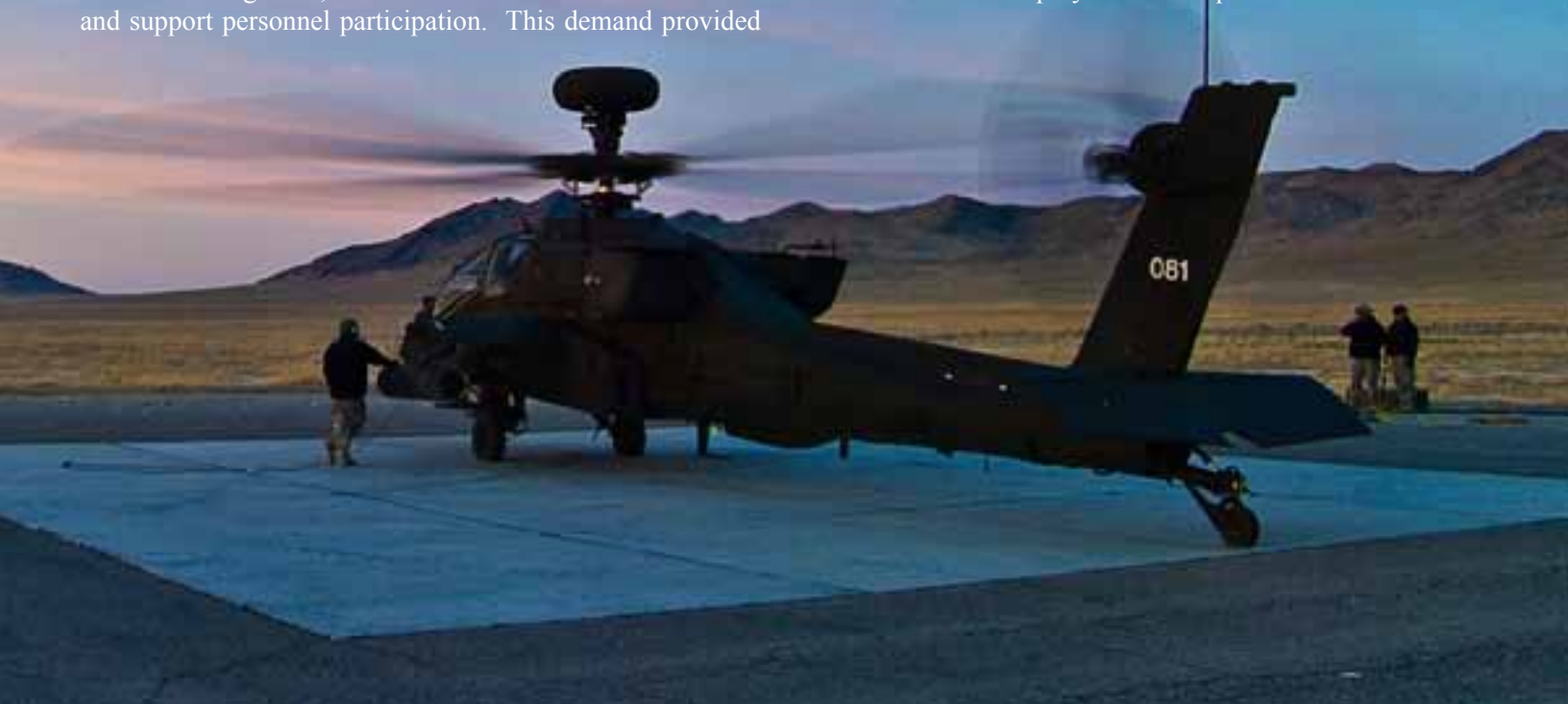
The Battalion was able to complete the transition from AH-64A “Alpha” model to the AH-64D “Delta” model airframe and finally turned in its last AH-64

A-model to the reset line in February 2010. With the need for aviator training in the advanced airframe, the Battalion logged an unprecedented 3,786 flight hours. The record setting, yearly flight hour program was accomplished even with only having monthly average available aircraft ranging from a high of 13 to a low of 2. During FY10 the Battalion maintained an average rating of 43 percent Mission capable, 27 percent Non Mission Capable for supply, 25 percent for Maintenance and seven percent for Depot level work. As with all aviation operations, the high op-tempo did not just provide aviator training time, but also a demand for maintenance and support personnel participation. This demand provided

additional opportunities for units and Soldiers to participate via the Additional Flight Training Period (AFTP) program in its support. The final and most invaluable product was team building opportunities and technical training time working on the aircrafts for the Soldiers.

Providing multiple training exercises was the key goal for the 1-211th during FY10. Not only did the personnel from the 1-211th participate in the Yama Sakura 57, but also in three live-fire exercises and our Annual Training (AT) in June. The live-fire exercises were held at the Dugway or Lakeside ranges or even, at both ranges at the same time. As a result of the multiple training exercises the 1-211th expended 55,911 rounds for small arms, 22,400 rounds of 30MM (AH-64 Cannon), 2,899- 2.75 inch rockets and 20 Hellfire missiles. In addition, the 1-211th consumed 596,747 gallons of fuel for FY10. These facts provide other indicators of quality and quantity of training accomplished by the Battalion. The use of practice and live ammunition provided the support personnel and aviators with the necessary experience for future real life operations. The 1-211th has progressed through the individual training at an amazing pace in preparation for the Collective training phase in training year 2011.

Other notable accomplishments for the 1-211th include the Battalion COMMO section gaining satellite remote connectivity for the staff sections. This has given us the ability to provide portable connectivity of network based needs such sharing and dissemination of critical information via secured Internet. The manning for the Battalion has progressed from 105 percent manned to 65 percent MOS qualified in 2009 to 110 percent manned and 76 percent MOS qualified for the end of FY 2010. Maximizing MOS qualified personnel has become a priority for critical jobs in preparation for the upcoming Unit Fielding Training Plan at Fort Hood, Texas and the follow on deployment to Iraq in 2011. 



An AH-64D Longbow prepares to launch for night helicopter gunnery April 9.

2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment



Undoubtedly the most news worthy story coming out of the aviation community is the safe return of the Utah detachments of the 2-285th Air Assault Battalion.

Deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, these 40 plus Soldiers enjoyed tremendous success in Iraq by flying nearly 1,000 combat missions which included Aviation Quick Reaction Force operations, participating as Command and Control platforms in support of the Iraqi elections and transporting every Distinguished Visitor in their sector of responsibility.

Additionally, these exceptional crewmembers and support personnel participated in combined Air Assault operations with their Iraqi counterparts. During the last week of September, 2010 the 2-285th redeployed through Fort Sill, Okla., before returning to a hero's welcome at the Salt Lake Air National Guard Base.

In 2010 the 2-211 GSAB grew to understand the reality of John F. Kennedy's words when he said "The one unchangeable certainty is that nothing is certain or unchangeable" This past year the War Horse Battalion experienced the challenges of change when it received notice that Alpha Company, 2-211th will deploy in support

of Operation Enduring Freedom. Although frequent deployments are the new "normal," this one caught everyone off guard! To add obstacles to stumbling blocks, the challenge facing the Battalion were the requirement to plus up Alpha Company with



A Blackhawk crew fills a water bucket at Camp Williams, Utah. Four Utah National Guard Blackhawk's prepare to collect water to be used in the firefighting efforts at Herriman, Utah. Members 2-285th deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. A Soldiers with the 2-285th returns from deployment September 2010 to the Salt Lake Air Base.


personnel from HHC, Delta Company (Aviation Maintenance) and Echo Company (Forward Support), thus in effect creating a self-sustaining organization. Many of those additional Soldiers had just returned from a previous deployment in February 2009 and were being asked to sacrifice family and job for a back to back deployment. As a credit to the caliber of Soldiers in the Battalion, finding qualified and highly competent volunteers was not a difficult task.

The primary training objective of the 2-211 GSAB prior to the notification for deployment was to draw upon our tactical experience to train for our domestic mission. To this end the Battalion set up operations at the former Wendover Army Airfield in order to simulate displaced operations as a result of an earthquake along the Wasatch Front. As a result of real-world limitations due to schools and New Equipment Training, the Battalion had only about a third of their assigned strength at Annual Training. Rather than allow this to be a distracter, the Battalion used this to add realism to their training. Understanding that in a domestic disaster/emergency such as an earthquake on the Wasatch Front a significant amount of our resources would be unavailable; we conducted realistic response missions with extremely limited personnel and did so with great results. As fate would have it, one of the many missions that we trained for was aerial firefighting/water bucket operations. Little did we know that the skills we honed would be employed to help save the community of Herriman! 🇺🇸



19th Special Forces Group (Airborne)




Djibouti. In March, a second contingent deployed to the Horn of Africa to form the corps of the Special Operations Command and Control Element, including the Group Commander. In addition, the Group Deputy Commander, COL Randy Watt, is deployed to Iraq where he is serving as the J5. 

The 19th Special Forces Group, Airborne, continued its high Operations Tempo in 2010. The 19th Special Forces Group commanded by Colonel Michael Turello and his Command Sergeant Major Scott Morgan have worked tirelessly to train, equip, and man the elite unit. The majority of training and operations of the 19th Group has been directed toward the Global War on Terrorism. The 19th Group has personnel deployed to Africa,


Iraq, Afghanistan, Korea, Morocco, Cambodia, and the Republic of the Philippines, as well as numerous CONUS sites, where they are undergoing continued training to prepare our Soldiers for future deployments. Headquarters & Headquarters Company. The Headquarters element of the 19th Group had 19 personnel re-deploy from Counter-Terrorist operations in Africa, working out of the Joint Special Operations Task Force (JSOTF) located on the Horn of Africa, in

Group Support Company, 19th Special Forces (Airborne)



Group, who are currently conducting extended nation building operations in theater. Also supporting the 5th SFG operations in Iraq is the Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Section of the GSC, who are providing current, up-to-date surveillance of the theater to coalition forces. The Group Training Detachment, the primary training element for the 19th Group, has been heavily committed over the past training year, conducting three Special Forces Sniper Courses (SFSC), two Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat (SFAUC) courses, and four Special Forces Basic Combat Courses (SFBCC) for more than 300 Soldier assigned to all elements of the 19th SFG. The SFSC, a 22-day course, trains SF Soldiers in long-range target interdiction, with a standard course size of 24 students. SFAUC is geared toward urban combat for the SF Soldier, and lasts approximately three weeks. The SFBCC, geared toward the support personnel of the 19th has a 16-day course of instruction. 

Group Support Company (GSC). Commanded by Major Ihor Balaban prepared his company to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. More than 160 Soldiers from the GSC conducted Pre-Mobilization Training, were federalized, and deployed to Iraq under Operation Iraqi Freedom. These 19th Group Soldiers are providing logistic support to the active Army's 5th Special Forces

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Soldiers with the 19th Special Forces Group Support Company participated in an eight-day Basic Combat Course a few weeks before their deployment to Iraq. A portion of the training covered marksmanship, day and night live-fire exercises, combatives, stress tests, Tactical Combat Casualty Care and convoy operations. Soldiers learn the fundamentals of combat that will serve them no matter what environment they find themselves in and how to treat the most preventable causes of death in a combat situation.



Members of the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) commemorate the ninth anniversary of 9/11 by raising and lowering American flags while on deployment to Camp Syverson, Iraq.


1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne)



1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group. Commanded by LTC James Slagowski, with the Senior Enlisted Position being filled by Command Sergeant Major Scott Bollinger. 1st Battalion has had a full training year, preparing the Battalion for a pending deployment to Afghanistan that was scheduled for the next training year.

The primary training event for the battalion was an extended Joint Combined Training Exercise (JCET) with host nation forces in Korea. The battalion has also deployed teams to Morocco, in support of the Utah National Guard's Partnership endeavors with Morocco, and sent elements to Cambodia for a

JCET with Cambodian National Forces. The specialized detachments (Military Freefall, Maritime Operations, and Scuba Teams) have conducted sustainment training exercises in Washington, Arizona, and Dugway to ensure they are fully mission capable in conducting operations within their specialties. The Battalion also conducted a Static Line Jumpmaster Course, in which over 50 Military Parachutists became qualified to

serve as jumpmasters for airborne operations. It should also be noted that the 1st Battalion has provided Special Forces Qualified Soldiers to augment the ranks of other National Guard and active duty Special Forces units who are deploying under Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. 

97th Troop Command



During this past training year, 97th Troop Command saw a change of command with COL Edward Gundersen relinquishing command to COL Milada Copeland at a ceremony at Rice-Eccles stadium. More than 500 Soldiers from the units within Troop Command participated in the change of

command as CSM Raelynn Oman passed the Troop Command colors to the outgoing commander, COL Gundersen, and received the colors from the incoming commander, COL Copeland.

Three organizations under Troop Command experienced changes of command during training year

2010; CPT David Cerchio relinquished command of the 115th Maintenance Company to 1LT Ryan Wimmer; MAJ Lorraine Januzelli relinquished command of the 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment to CPT Wencke Tate; and MAJ Andrew Archuleta relinquished command of the 197th Special Troops Company (Airborne) to MAJ Joaquin Mixco.

Troop Command welcomed home the 1993rd Contingency Contracting Team, under the command of MAJ Chris Patterson, from their year-long tour to Kosovo. The command also said farewell to 80 Soldiers of the 144th Area Support Medical Company, under the command of CPT David Stefl, as they deployed to Afghanistan to provide medical support to Coalition servicemen and women throughout Afghanistan. The 197th Special Troops Company (Airborne) continued to support the Sustainment Battalion, 528th Brigade with individual mobilizations.


Troop Command conducted a number of overseas training missions this past training year, the biggest being a one-month training mission in the country of Cambodia where Headquarter Company and members of the 197th Special Troops Company supported a multi-nation exercise under the direction of the Royal Cambodian Army. The Soldiers also participated in humanitarian projects. Members of the 197th engineer section built a school for the Cambodian children. The 197th Soldiers spent more than two months working on the school. Their dedicated work brought many smiles from the Cambodian children and gratitude from the local leaders. The Cambodia mission proved to be of great success for the 97th Troop Command.

At the invite of U.S. Ambassador to Morocco, Samuel Kaplan, 40 members of the 23rd Army Band traveled to and toured Rabat and Casablanca, Morocco in late June. The Band performed six different performances playing Big Band, Jazz, and Country and

Rock favorites.

Ambassador Kaplan told the Band members, "Your team brought the spirit and joy of America to this far-off place in Africa," [You] made me and everyone else smile; [you] made us all proud."

The Utah Air National Guard provided the travel to and from Rabat carrying the Band on a KC-135 Stratotanker. The Band again proved to be one of the busiest Army Bands in the nation performing 65 different performances throughout the year.

The other units within Troop Command remained engaged throughout the year. The Medical Detachment performed more than 5,000 primary health assessments and continued to provide individual medical support to Soldiers throughout the Utah Army National Guard. Troop Command leadership is proud of the Soldiers within the command. 



Colonel Edward Gundersen relinquishing command of 97th Troop Command to Col. Milada Copeland at a ceremony at Rice-Eccles stadium.

23rd Army Band



The federal mission of Army Bands is to provide music throughout the full spectrum of military operations and instill in our Soldiers the will to fight and win, foster the support of our citizens, and promote our national interests at home and abroad. Utah's 23rd

Army Band has continued to respond to requests to support local military installation activities and the adjutant general's ongoing public relations program throughout the state of Utah.

The main performing component of the band is the professional level full concert band. The concert band trains to perform community concerts and provide music to inspire, educate and entertain. In addition to the traditional concert band the Army Bands around the world are fielding smaller Musical Support Teams to provide music for ceremonies, formal concerts, popular music and chamber music to meet the needs of the function and the venue. Musical Support Teams are training to independently provide all of the necessary musical protocol functions to support military events and perform at ceremonies.

During the 2010 training year the traditional concert band provided support for events such as the annual Veterans' Day

Concert, the Dixie Rotary Concert in St. George and community concerts in Richfield, West Jordan, Midvale, Ogden, Murray, Salt Lake, Provo, Cedar City, Ruby's Inn and Springdale.

The ceremonial and parade functions are filled through the marching band. By varying the instrumentation from the concert band for outdoor performances the marching band is a familiar sight representing the Utah National Guard in parades in Orem, Bountiful and Ogden cities and military ceremonies and troop arrivals. The marching band supported military Change of Command ceremonies for installations outside of the Utah National Guard including the Army's Deseret Chemical Depot.

The Jazz, Rock and Show Bands share in performance at military balls and at community events where popular music and jazz standards are the appropriate entertainment. Performances included county fairs, civic concerts and a performance at the annual Utah State University ROTC and Military Intelligence military balls.

Other Musical Support Teams include Brass and Woodwind Quintets an early music group and Percussion and Jazz Ensembles.

During the 2010 training year the Concert Band, Rock Band and Jazz Ensemble performed an overseas training mission to the Kingdom of Morocco in support of the U.S. Ambassador. The

performances furthered the goals of the Utah State Partnership Program and the mission of the Band to foster the support of our citizens, and promote our national interests at home and abroad.

The Soldiers in the Band continue to maintain military standards in common task, fitness and marksmanship training and through completion of professional development courses during the year, unit members increased their skills as musicians, and leaders.

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The Band represented the Utah National Guard at home by providing support for events such as the annual Veterans' Day Concert, the Dixie Rotary Concert in St. George and community concerts in Richfield, West Jordan, Midvale, Ogden, Murray, Salt Lake, Provo, Cedar City, Ruby's Inn and Springdale. The Marching Band supported military change of command ceremonies for installations outside of the Utah National Guard including the Army's Deseret Chemical Depot and community parades in Orem, Bountiful and Ogden cities and military ceremonies and troop arrivals. The Jazz, Rock and Show Bands performances included county fairs, civic concerts and a performance at the annual Utah State University ROTC and Military Intelligence military balls.

The 23rd Army Band performs in Kenitra, Morocco the historic landing site of U.S. Forces in WWII, July 3. An element of the 23rd Army Band performs at the U.S. Embassy in celebration of National Day July 1.



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Commanded by CW2 Denny Saunders, the Band performs at the Sidi Elabed Beach in Temara, Morocco July 2. The 23rd Army Band performs at Kenitra, Morocco on July 3. Kenitra is the historic landing site of U.S. Forces in WWII. A group of horsemen wearing traditional clothes give an honorable welcome as they charge in unison past the American in attendance at Kenitra, Morocco. Moroccan children gather on the beach to enjoy the 23rd Army Band's performance at Kenitra. The 23rd Army Rock Band performs at Sidi Elabed Beach, Morocco on July 2.





The 144th Medical Company (ASMC) personnel began FY 10 by ramping up for their mobilization and subsequent deployment to Afghanistan. In addition to the MUTA 6 drills planned for the months of October 2009 through January 2010, the Unit performed a 3-week annual training event in February 2010.

December 2010 marked the beginning of the 144th ASMC's pre-mobilization coordination activities with its MOB station, Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM). The ASMC Commander (CPT David Stefl) and First Sergeant (1SG Robert Stirling) accompanied by unit staff members and representatives from the State and the 97th Troop Command (TC) participated in a pre-MOB site survey at JBLM. This visit allowed the unit to capture mobilization requirements and JBLM points of contact which facilitated the unit's preparation for deployment prior to arrival at MOB station. This pre-MOB preparation later proved to allow personnel to more fully concentrate on their training once mobilized. Also during December, the unit successfully performed a MOB SRP and held a dining-out which featured BG Burton as the guest speaker. Victuals for the occasion were catered by the family of 144th ASMC Soldier, SGT Bon-Benedict Villamil at the Carriage House in Lehi, Utah. A special thanks goes out the unit's FRG for making this a successful occasion.



Utah 144th medics offload a patient in Iraq. Soldiers with the 144th ASMC practice with night vision goggles at the range. Utah medics with the 144th ASMC draw blood from Soldiers who answered the call for needed blood which is a battlefield traditin known as the walking blood bank.




Field medical operations, Army Warrior Task training and deployment briefings dominated the bulk of the unit's 3-week annual training (AT) held in February 2010. Soldiers worked extremely hard in order to train AWT's to standard which was validated by the State's PTAE team. During this AT, the unit also was fielded MC4 Computers and new medical equipment worth in excess of \$1.6 million.

The 144th ASMC was federalized on 17 March 2010 and left three (3) days later from Salt Lake Air Base to MOB station. Friends and families of over 65 Soldiers were there to bid their Soldiers good-bye for their 12 month deployment. MG Brian Tarbet, CPT Steff, and 1SG Stirling offered words of warmth and encouragement in order to help ease some of the tension and anxiety associated with Soldiers departing from their families. Over the next thirty days after arriving at MOB Station, the 144th Soldiers took part in multiple training events including

tactical field medical operations, weapons familiarization and qualification, convoy operations and live fire training.

The volcano ash from New Zealand's volcanic eruption delayed the mainbody's departure from JBLM to Afghanistan. The unit still performed a successful RIP/TOA with the 36th ASMC (based out of Fort Bragg) in spite of the delay. The 144th ASMC is responsible for providing EVAC support to Craig Joint Theater Hospital and for providing emergency response service in Bagram. The unit also runs four TMCs throughout Afghanistan which supports thousands of U.S. and Coalition Forces in FOB Salerno and sites in Kabul.

While the unit is only just past its midpoint in the deployment, Soldiers are very proud of their contributions to the war effort thus far. They are committed to continuing the endeavor of providing the best medical service possible. 



Soldiers with the 144th ASMC with Iraqi children.



Members of Utah's 144th ASMC serve on a year deployment to Iraq.

115th Maintenance Company



The year 2010 was an exciting year for the 115th Maintenance Company. To begin the new fiscal year in October of 2009, the unit gained a new First Sergeant, Terry Litster, who had served in the company his entire career which began in 1987. First Sergeant Litster took over for First Sergeant Charles Schmidt who had been the units First Sergeant for the previous two years.

The Company Commander, Captain David A. Cerchio strategically put together the years training schedule by scheduling all administrative requirements to be accomplished during the unit's weekend drills from October to December. During those months' yearly annual briefs, medical examinations, and inventories were completed. The year of 2009 was completed with the unit's annual Christmas party where unit members brought their families to participate in activities, eat pastries, and to bring their children to see Santa Clause.

The unit began accomplishing their Federal and State Missions in January. Unit's priority was to rebuild six components that was part of the National Maintenance Training Center (NMTC) at Fort Dodge training program. The unit rebuilt two 8.3 engines, two HT 740 transmissions, and two armament pieces of equipment which was a commanders grip and elevation mechanism. Each of the units four maintenance platoons were tasked with rebuilding one of these components. In addition to these components the units was tasked with rebuilding 6.2 engines, 250 Cummins engines, transfer cases, and other smaller projects. The unit's direct support platoons, third and fourth platoon, also conducted support operations at the Unit Equipment Training Site (UTES) at Camp Williams as well as other FMS's.

The unit conducted a home station Annual Training in June of 2010. During the annual training the unit completed all six components from the NMTC. Several small parts that were back-ordered through the Army system needed to locally purchase in order to complete the mission. The unit completed all components by the first week of the training as well as the

previously mentioned state components. In addition to these missions during Annual Training, fourth platoon conducted support operations in completing components on backlog at UTES. Third platoon conducted support operations for the 214th FSC at Dugway. Annual Training was an absolute success in completion of the unit's mission for the year.

On June 20, the final day of Annual Training, Captain Cerchio's command of the 115th Maintenance Company came to an end after two and a half years of stupendous service.



Captain Cerchio had placed a great emphasis on improving the unit's maintenance production and had greatly done so during his command. During his command the units production surpassed previous years. Colonel Edward Gunderson, the commander of 97th Troop Command, conducted the change of command. First Lieutenant Ryan E. Wimmer became the new unit commander. In addition, the change of responsibility for the First Sergeant took place. First Sergeant Charles Schmidt gave up his responsibilities to First Sergeant Litster. 🇺🇸



Members of 115th Maintenance Company stand in formation during Governor's Day at Rice-Eccles Stadium Sept. 18.

85th Civil Support Team



This past year, the 85th WMD-CST had many challenges in both exercises and real world missions. In December, they were evaluated by an inspection team from Army North. The EXEVAL takes place every 9 months and results in

validation of the team's effectiveness and ability to perform the WMD-CST mission. The results of the evaluation are reported to the Secretary of Defense.

The 85th vacated the Lehi Armory after 3 years and moved into the newly constructed Salt Lake Readiness Center providing a vehicle bay to keep their equipment out of the elements and mission ready at all times. Just as the unit was settling in to their new building, they were requested to support the Incident Commander at a Layton City Incident where a little girl died from an unknown substance. Team members made multiple entries over two days finding the sources of the deadly substance which tragically ended up taking the lives of 2 small children. The 85th provided detection and sampling capability that lead to a safe mitigation process so the family

could return to their home.

In February, the 85th had the unique opportunity to train in an abandoned highway tunnel and conduct an air lift operation aboard a C17. They flew to West Virginia to the National Center for National Response, for CST specific training with a focus on



Members of the 85th CST participate in a rope rescue on the island of Sai Pan.



Members of the 85th CST SSG Brett Campbell and SFC Shaine Richards prepare to enter the Toone home to check phosphine levels Feb. 8.



Members of the 85th CST conduct emergency decontamination on a CBRN warrior who became a casualty in the Hot Zone during ARNORTH External Evaluation training at the Maverick Center, West Valley City, Utah.

earthquake specific hazards. Team training continued in March and April with radiation training at the Defense Nuclear Weapons School. The New Mexico school had live radiation sources that provided a realistic element difficult to simulate at home station or anywhere else in the nation for that matter.

The 85th provided support as an on scene response team at the ST. George IronMan triathlon. A week later the 85th was in Las Vegas training with the 92nd and 91st WMD-CSTs providing joint team experience and situations centered on earthquake disasters. The combination of confined space, rope rescue with hazardous environments, and Las Vegas heat made for a very challenging training exercise. The month of June was taken mostly in support of the 94th WMD-CST with training and covering their island while they were out of the response area. Guam provided a rare training environment for maritime and ocean survival training for the team. Some 85th members assisted with an exercise on the island of Sai Pan involving first responders and other emergency response resources. In September, most of the members finished the Confined Space/Rope Rescue Technician Program.

During the Machine Gun fire on Camp Williams and Herriman City the 85th WMD-CST sent their communication section to support the incident command post.

This has been a high OPTEMPO year for the 85th many team members have been requested for service as evaluators at training events and as support for other team's nation wide. Several new members have joined the team adding to the diversity of experience, as well as existing members taking on new responsibilities. 🇺🇸

Medical Detachment



The state Medical Detachment continued to provide dedicated medical support to Soldiers of the National Guard throughout 2010. The unit spent countless hours ensuring Soldier readiness to perform mobilizations, overseas training missions and annual medical readiness standards were enforced and met.

During FY10 the unit provided medical support for 629 Soldiers from four different units through their mobilization process. The Medical Detachment received high acclaim from Mobilization Stations in regards to the medical readiness of the Soldiers being activated. The unit also provided highly qualified medics to fill mobilizing unit shortages.

Throughout the year medical and dental professionals from the Medical Detachment were involved in four different

rotations to both Iraq and Afghanistan. All were praised for their outstanding leadership and medical care they provided to all they saw. The unit also provided six Combat Life Saver courses for more than 200 Soldiers, those increasing the medical capabilities of several unit to which they are assigned.

The Medical Detachment continued, with a high degree of proficiency and dedication to provide Soldiers of the Utah National Guard with medical care and readiness. The Detachment was able to process more than 3,100 physicals and medical events for the state and provided thousands of immunizations necessary for Soldiers both state side and those going overseas.

As we move into the next training year, we have to look at the Soldiers and their families that supported and sacrificed their time to ensure our missions were a success. We could not do this without them. As our unit prepares for the 2011 training year, we reflect on the many valuable and remarkable Soldiers that have left. Many have gone on to their civilian careers and families but we have lost many to deployments. We hope for their success, thank them for their service and pray for their safe return. 🇺🇸



The 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment had an exciting and active year. Captain Wencke Tate and 1SG Charles Schmidt assumed command Nov. 2009.

Leadership development, individual skill-level training, team-building, creating an effective Family Readiness Group and outfitting the entire unit with new Army Public Affairs Center standard equipment were the priorities for the year.

With the expansion of the MPAD to a full 20-member unit still a fairly new requirement, many slots needed to be filled and leadership development was essential. Three officers were recruited to work as the executive officer and to head the print and broadcast teams.

The young noncommissioned officer section leaders worked with the new leadership to create training plans, SOP's and develop their subordinates to become future leaders in the MPAD, while the new 1SG worked with the section leaders to hone their own leadership skills.


Training focused on building cohesive and effective print and broadcast teams in a post-mobilization environment as well as building a name for ourselves with units throughout the state.

Traditionally, the 128th MPAD fell in on a great portion of training developed by and for the parent unit, HHD, 97th Troop Command. However, it was decided the best way to build cohesion between the recently deployed Soldiers and those from the Rear Detachment was to work as an independent unit and request support from higher as needed.

The unit developed a training plan focused on small-team training opportunities that would embed our Soldiers with the Soldiers of other Utah Guard units during their regular training activities.

The small-team training plan was highly successful in preparing the unit for its Annual Training events. Six members traveled to Thailand and worked in a joint-service public affairs office in support of Cobra Gold 2010 in February. In June, three more members traveled to Morocco in support of the Utah Air Guard's humanitarian mission as part of African Lion. The unit then sent two members to Cambodia in July in support of the 97th Troop Command's multinational mission Angkor Sentinel 2010. As an additional overseas deployment training mission, one Soldier traveled to Guam to provide public affairs support to the 85th CST's naval training operations. At home we supported coverage of Freedom Academy and had a successful, full-unit Governor's Day event that set the bar for future training.

After the end of the deployment in March 2009, the unit's Family Readiness Group had suffered some major setbacks. Two primary leaders of the group left and the rest of the families quickly began to fall out of touch. 1SG Schmidt put great effort into rebuilding those links resulting in a strong new FRG leader, Felicia Entwistle, who successfully organized family parties both at Christmas and in the summer, as well as a fun and profitable FRG table during Governor's day.

This next fiscal year will start with a challenge to the unit as they train on new equipment and software. However, with the strengthening skills and team unity developed over the past fiscal year, the unit is sure to rise above the challenge and continue to grow and develop into a strong public affairs force. 



SPC Cloe Barnes, 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, interviews with Channel 4 during Governor's Day at Rice-Eccles Stadium. During Cobra Gold 2010, SFC Nichole Bonham, 128th MPAD, and CPT Paul Dotto, 106th PAD, prepare to upload to DVIDS the days footage for Feb. 1 in Thailand. SSG Daleanne Maxwell and SPC Ashely Baum interview Lt. j.g. Ekatat Wathanaronchai, communications officer with the Royal Thai Navy, about the Cobra Gold 2010 Contingency Command Post exercise.




The 2010 fiscal year proved to be another extremely busy and productive year for the Soldiers of the 197th STC (SO)(A). Elements in whole, or in part, supported four separate rotations into Operations Enduring (OEF) and Iraqi Freedom, participated in four Overseas Deployment Training (ODT) events to Africa, Southeast Asia, and Europe, deployed a doctor in support of SOCAF and sent a team to the international parachute competition LEAPFEST in Rhode Island.

In January, the company welcomed home seven Soldiers who deployed to OEF in support of 7th SFG (A). They received tremendous praise by 7th SFG (A) leadership for being an integral part of the mission and the team. Three Army Special Operation Forces Support Operations teams totaling six personnel supported CJSOTF-A, CJSOTF-AP and CJSOTF-P with theater logistics support. Two teams have since redeployed from their successful seven month tours while the other team is still downrange performing admirably. Finally, the company's Flight Surgeon is currently deployed and is training and treating patients for the entire African theater for Special Operations.

The 197th supported several ODTs this year all around the globe. Angkor Sentinel in Cambodia was a huge success and with help from the 97th Troop Command leadership, 38 Soldiers from the company were able to participate in a foreign jump with the Cambodian Special Forces. This was only the second such "friendship jump" ever in the history of the two countries. Two Soldiers were also nominated for the Utah Cross for saving

the life of a severely injured Cambodian civilian during the exercise. Flintlock was outstanding and took place in the African countries of Burkina Faso and Mali and involved four company Engineers. Jackal Stone was conducted in Poland and required seasoned, mature logisticians to operate as Forward Operating Base mayors and battle captains in support of the Special Operations Command Europe exercise. The company First Sergeant, Craig Golden, was coined by the European Command Senior Enlisted Advisor, Fleet Master Chief Roy Maddocks for his excellent personal contributions to the mission as well as the outstanding performance of our NCOs. Lastly, Phoenix Express was a maritime operation involving two SOCM medics who, once again, contributed greatly to an extremely successful operation.

LEAPFEST is hosted annually by the Rhode Island National Guard and was the first time that the 197th entered the competition. There were more than 50 teams and 260 personnel competing including teams from Germany, England, Canada and the Dominican Republic. Of those 50 teams, the 197th took fourth place honors overall while SFC Jose Caoili took first place individually and CPT Marc Cooper took fourth place. Outstanding performance this year and the team plans to go all the way in 2011!

The 197th has had an extremely high operational tempo this year! Many thanks go out to the full time staff who work tirelessly to make this happen while balancing all the usual duties and responsibilities that go with running an Army National Guard company. Look forward to great things from the Soldiers, NCOs and Officers of the 197th as it continues to forge ahead in support of state and SOF missions. 



Members of 197th Special Troops Company participate in LEAPFEST, an international parachute competition in Rhode Island.

1993rd Contingency Contracting Team




The 1993rd Contingency Contracting Team completed a successful deployment in the Balkans in support of Kosovo Forces (KFOR) 12. The four man unit, led by MAJ Chris Patterson, returned home in July 2010 after serving for a year in support of American forces by contracting supplies and services to support the people of Kosovo and the many Department of Defense men and women in the Balkans' area of operations.

The 1993rd's mission was mainly in the Kosovo region. Their mission extended into Croatia and Serbia, along with reconstruction efforts throughout the Balkans by overseeing contracts for school reconstruction in Macedonia and Montenegro.

The members of the team feel the most rewarding aspect of the mission was working directly with the citizens in Kosovo and the surrounding nations. Patterson stated, "We got

to go out and interface with the local population, contractors, and vendors, and supply them a means to earn some money and monitor them to make sure they did a good job."

The 1993rd's mission was to ensure the proper expenditure and usage of the taxpayer dollar through establishment and regulation of contracts. This unit organized only two years ago. The Department of Defense wasted no time activating the 1993rd in support of KFOR 12. The unit quickly certified three of the four members to Level 2 contracting in order to support the KFOR 12 mission. The certification is intense and time consuming, but the team members dedicated themselves to the mission and successfully accomplished assignments in the Balkans. The unit received accolades for their work from their higher command. Patterson is proud of his team and what they accomplished in the very short time.

Members of the team include: MAJ Chris Patterson, CPT John Merlette, SSG Joseph Warby, and SPC Daniel Christensen. 

204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade



in Military Decision Making Procedures (MDMP) as well as

The 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB) officially activated Oct. 1, 2010 and is located at the Army Garrison Camp Williams Readiness Center. On Aug. 7, 2010, COL George Summit relinquished command to COL Robert Dunton. Dunton assumed command of a brigade that is ready and capable in meeting the upcoming challenges of the Utah National Guard. The MEB, with more than 1,000 Soldiers, located in ten communities across the State, has proudly represented the Utah Army National Guard in a wide variety of missions this past year. Along with a new name the 204th MEB has received approval for a new Shoulder Sleeve Insignias as well as new Brigade Colors. Soldiers in the MEB should start wearing the new SSI by November Inactive Duty Training.

Members of the 204th MEB participated in a staff exercise at Fort Lewis, Wash., in support of Yama Sakura 57. This was an excellent opportunity to prepare and train the staff



COL George Summit relinquishes command of the 204th MEB to COL Robert Dunton.

using computer simulations to conduct all aspects of an MEB mission. The 204th MEB supported the 8th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC) at Fort Shafter, Hawaii and received accolades from MG Michael Terry, the TSC commander as well as an invitation to return to support future missions for the TSC. In addition to its Annual Training, the 204th MEB staff assisted its subordinate battalions as they prepared and deployed the 118th Sapper Co to Afghanistan.

Primary staff members also provided a response cell in support of Ulchi Freedom Guardian, and CPS exercise between U.S. Army and Republic of Korea forces. The staff members maneuvered two MEBs from the Fort Lewis Brigade Combat Training Center.



Soldiers from HHC, 204th MEB train at the Camp Williams MOUT site.

Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 204th MEB conduct its first Field Training exercise, spending two days in the field, conducting combat training as well as yearly individual qualification requirements. Soldiers practiced room clearing procedures at the MOUT training site during the urban training with paintball guns as well as conducting mounted and unmounted land navigation, first aid and weapons qualification.





MAJ Mike Watkins, civil-military officer for the 204th MEB meets with his Malaysian counterpart, Kapt. Hanan during Keris Strike, in Kuantan Malaysia.

Members of the 204th MEB joined forces with the Malaysian Armed Forces July 7-24 during Exercise Keris Strike 2010. Keris Strike is an annual event hosted in Malaysia that is designed to strengthen U.S./Malaysian relations and further build on the operational peace support capacity of participants.

The two weeks of training included an academics portion, mini-exercise and command post exercise (CPX). After two long days of academics, the 204th and their Malaysian counterparts were ready to practice their new peacekeeping skills during a staff mini-exercise and the CPX. During the mini-exercise, the 204th staff joined with the Malaysian Armed Forces, 4th Infantry Mechanized, to create a multinational brigade headquarters.

"Utah is providing half of the multinational force brigade staff and Soldiers," said LTC Mel Anderson, operations officer of the 204th MEB. "We joined with the Malaysian Armed Forces 4th Infantry Mechanized to stand up a multinational brigade in peacekeeping operations."

During the mini-ex and the CPX, participants were faced with possible real-world challenges of supporting a peacekeeping operation. Members received incident reports and would have to find appropriate responses while working through their normal channels, and the added channels of the United Nations and nongovernmental officials.

The main goal of the CPX was for the multinational brigade to establish a demilitarized zone (DMZ) between two fighting nations by a deadline set up in a U.N. peace agreement, signed by both nations.

"We were able to have both of the nations out of the DMZ by the date the peace agreement stated," said SGT Ian Napper, the intelligence non-commissioned officer in charge for the 204th.

"Although it has been a challenge, I feel that we have overcome that challenge," said COL Don Summit, commander for the 204th, as well as the Brigade deputy commanding officer for the exercise. "We have worked through the challenges and have come together as a team seamlessly."

While building their team, U.S. Soldiers were able to build upon their relationships with the Malaysians.

"I found that interaction with my counterpart was as valuable as the exercise itself," said CPT Todd Christensen, logistics officer for the 204th and an Orem resident. "When it came to comparing strategies and procedures, I was able to work with an experienced officer who provided valuable mentoring to me."

One of the memorable events for U.S. Soldiers was when the Malaysians taught their counterparts one of their traditional games, sepaktakraw, a form of kick volleyball in which players kick the ball over a net and refrain from using their hands.

"Sepaktakraw was a really fun sport that some of us want to take back to the States," said SPC Daniel Strange, a military police officer for the 204th and the Request for Information noncommissioned officer for the exercise. "It was fun being able to play a game with the Malaysian brigade chief of staff and win a game."

Overall, the Malaysian hosts were extremely friendly and helpful. "I have had a lot of fun," said SGT Daniel Lemley, assistant operations noncommissioned officer for the 204th. "It has been great meeting different people from different cultures. I have enjoyed learning the way they do things and getting to know them."

"They (the Malaysians) have been wonderful hosts and have provided much more than I expected, and I am extremely grateful," said LTC Karl Wright, deputy commanding officer of the 204th. This year marks the 14th anniversary of the event.


The Signal Warriors of the 217th Signal Company provides communications and information systems support for the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB). The 217th is a new unit and has been creatively training while their equipment has been arriving in stages. Being undeterred the signal warriors have made the most of training year 2010. Along with the effort to train all of their soldiers in their primary military occupational specialty (MOS) the 217th has sent teams to Delaware to be trained in the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) and Emergency Operations & Communications (EOCC). The JISCC and EOCC greatly enhance the Signal Warriors ability to support state emergency response missions. During FY2010 the Signal Warriors have participated in a statewide joint emergency response exercise which was a three



Soldiers from the Royal Malaysian Army show COL Summit and SSG Lemley of the 204th MEB how to kick the sepaktakraw ball July 13.

day 24 hour operation exercise conducted with state emergency response agencies. They performed four field training exercises and an annual training exercise where the 217th successfully provided signal support for the 204th MEB in the field. The 217th Signal Warriors are excited to receive the net fielding of their equipment in FY 2011.

The 115th Engineer Facilities Detachment (EFD) is located at Army Garrison Camp Williams, Utah. The EFD consists of 15 Soldiers with their main mission to provide department of public works facilities management, design solutions for minor facility repair and environmental assessments and remediation expertise. Over the past fiscal year the 115th EFD participated in numerous missions to include 21 days in Hohensfels Germany designing and surveying a helicopter pad and plans and drawing for a community amphitheater. The EFD also planned, designed and surveyed an IED lane at AGCW to improve the training for Utah National Guard Soldiers. During the year they have been involved in many different missions. The proposed shower point design and drawings for the Regional Training Institute at Camp Williams and the design of the new 204th MEB Tactical

Operations Center and Command Post. The EFD also conducted Warrior Leader Training along with other Unit functions to maintain the EFD's Unit and Soldier proficiency. 



CPT Riley Beck, MAJ David Miller and
CPT Stuart Chan surveying at Hohensfels, Germany.

489th Brigade Support Battalion



From October 2009 through September 2010 the 489th Brigade Support Battalion re-organized in expectation of the transfer of B Company to the Louisiana Army National Guard and moved more than 100 Soldiers to other units within the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade and throughout the Utah Army National Guard. In the midst of this re-organization the Battalion planned, trained for and executed an aggressive training plan that involved the entire Battalion at Camp Dodge, Iowa in March and April of 2010. Members of the Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment and Alpha Company, 489th BSB returned home from Camp Dodge April 2. During the two week stay both HHD and A Co. were training on various tasks and missions both together and as separate companies.



"HHD had two goals; first to learn the military decision making process (MDMP), training with it and practicing it," said LTC Thomas Fischer, the Battalion commander for the 489th BSB. "Second, was to conduct a three-day exercise using the MDMP process within our tactical operations center and build an operations order."

"The staff section was running an exercise showing how they will function during a war fight," added the 489th BSB CSM Derek Dimond. "They went through training each day, working through the mission, utilizing MDMP, and the development of an operations order. The operations order was then executed in a simulated exercise, so essentially it was like they were really fighting a fight," added Dimond.

Training at the National Maintenance Training Center (NMTC) proved to not only have great training ability but they

also had all of the equipment that the Soldiers would need to complete their missions while at Camp Dodge.

The mission for A Company was to utilize the opportunity to use equipment at the NMTC and train for both peace-keeping and war time missions.

"Because we haven't been fielded our equipment yet this training gave the Soldiers the opportunity to fall in on the equipment they would be using in a war and actually seeing how it is everything is supposed to take work," said Dimond.

"It's the first time as a company to see how everything comes together and how their roles really play out," said 1SG Rene Criswell, the first sergeant for A Company, 489th BSB. "This was the first chance for the truck drivers to get out and have their own vehicles, and for the water guys to use real water equipment."

Besides practicing new skills Soldiers were able to practice their basic Soldier skills, such as zeroing and qualifying on the M16, convoy training, how to react to IED's and how to interact with locals in different situations.

Members of the 489th were able to cumulate their training with live sling-load training where they were able to hook up pallets and even a Humvee to a Chinook helicopter.

After the sling load training everyone that wanted to went for a ride in the helicopter and enjoyed the farmland views surrounding Camp Dodge.

Overall members of the 489th enjoyed their training; they accomplished goals and were able to work together as a unit for the first time.

A 498th BSB, the Distribution Company of the 489th BSB provided management and distribution of all classes of supply throughout the Brigade. During the training year the company conducted several high-intensity training events supporting the unit's primary Mission Essential Tasks. During annual training

at Camp Dodge and a subsequent situation training exercise at Camp Williams, the unit conducted aerial delivery training with the 2/211 AVN BN. Additionally, the company conducted multiple field training exercises at Yuba Lake and Camp Williams where they executed mission training in water purification, fuel distribution, and supply transportation throughout the state. The training gave the Soldiers the opportunity to demonstrate their proficiency in their military occupational specialties as well as their ability to hone their tactical skills while supporting real world.

The Battalion enters training year 2011 pleased with the efforts and accomplishments of the past year with connections made with their Company in Louisiana and excitement for the training that will be accomplished from Utah, Louisiana, through the Dominican Republic, to Germany in the next year. 🇺🇸

Soldiers from A-489th Distribution Company rig load and guide a UH-60 Blackhawk in to pick up supplies for aerial resupply at Camp Williams.



1457th Engineer Battalion



The 1457th Engineer battalion is headquartered in American Fork, Utah and is commanded by LTC Joseph Grimm. His Command Sergeant Major is CSM Richard Thalman. The 1457th Engineer Battalion, with more than 600 Soldiers is located

in seven communities across the State, has proudly represented the Utah Army National Guard in a wide variety of missions this past year.

The Engineer Battalion staff participated in the staff exercise Yama Sakura on Nov. 30 to Dec. 14, 2009, located at Fort Lewis, Wash. Yama Sakura is an annual, bilateral command post exercise that simulates Japanese-U.S. military operations required to defend Japan. The Engineer staff served exceptionally in every part of the exercise, from the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade Engineer cell to the Engineer

Response Brigade.

Early this year, the 1457th Engineer Battalion sent two representatives to Morocco to participate in an Engineer Horizontal and Vertical Engineering conference as part of the Utah's State Partnership Program. The concept was to familiarize Moroccan Military Army personnel on U.S. Army Horizontal and Vertical construction procedures. The Capstone of the event took place during the Battalion's Annual Training June 4-18, 2010 at Army Garrison Camp Williams. The 1457th Engineer Battalion was honored to host the commander of



Left to right: COL Don Summit, CPT Blake Bingham, Briana Bingham, LTC Joseph Grimm and CSM Richard Thalman.

CPT Blake Bingham was one of three National Guard recipients and the first officer awarded the Steel Defleur at the annual Engineer Force Conference April 21. Bingham currently serves as company commander for the 188th Engineer Sapper Company and will lead them during their deployment to Afghanistan.



SGT Robert Kelley, 118th Engineer Sapper Company, was presented with a Purple Heart during a ceremony at Camp Williams June 14.

the Moroccan 5th Engineer Battalion and the commandant of the Moroccan Engineer School. The two Moroccan officers attended briefings, conferences and even operated some of the Battalion's equipment. The successful interactions between the two nation's military engineers are just another example of the success of Utah's State Partnership Program.

In June, the 1457th Engineer Battalion including the 1457th Field Support Company (FSC), 116th Engineer Horizontal Company and 624th Engineer Vertical Company conducted Annual Training at Army Garrison Camp Williams (AGCW). The Battalion completed multiple road improvement projects, a temporary landing pad, 23 personnel hutments, and conducted MOS skills and tactical training. The Battalion also had the distinct honor to award the Purple Heart medal to SGT Robert Kelly and witness one of its own Soldiers, Juan Mauricio



PFC Miller and SPC Stephenson from FSC, 1457th En Bn prepare to conduct fueling operations.



Specialists Juan Moreno and David Israel Luviano recite the oath of citizenship at a ceremony June 14 at Camp Williams, Utah.

Moreno-Ortez, take his last step to citizenship by reciting the oath of citizenship.

The 1457th Field Support Company dispensed more than 12,000 gallons of fuel supporting the Battalion and subordinate units in missions. The FSC performed superbly by providing exemplary food service to various units across the state.

This past year, the 118th Engineer Sapper Company executed a vigorous and robust training plan in preparation for deployment. They hosted the First Annual Sapper Stakes Competition. The competition fosters esprit décor and tests the combat skills of each Sapper. Currently, 118th Engineer Sapper Company is deployed to Afghanistan.

The 116th Engineer Horizontal Company completed many road projects and continue to work on many others for AGCW. These projects include culverts, multiple road projects and firebreaks.

The 624th Engineer Vertical Company completed multiple construction projects for AGCW including: re-shingled four building, built 23 personnel hutments requiring more than 2,300 sheets of wafer board, 3,450 ft of wiring, 391 trusses, 506 metal roofing sheets, and 29, 440 sq ft of insulation.

On Sept. 17, 2010, to the tune of the Engineer song in the background (Essayons), The 1457th Engineer Battalion held its first annual Engineer Regimental Dinner honoring eight Engineers for their distinguished service to the regiment by presenting them the Defleury Medal. The Defleury medal is also the first minted congressional medal.

The regimental dinner was well attended by current and former Engineer Soldiers who immersed themselves in the ceremonial regalia of the evening's events. The 1457th Engineer Battalion and its subordinate units continue to uphold the tradition, legacy and honor of Utah's Engineers. The 1457th Engineer Battalion proudly holds to the Engineer Regiments standard of excellence and looks forward to the upcoming challenges of the following year. Essayons! 🇺🇸

300th Military Intelligence Brigade (Linguist)



Headquartered in Draper, Utah, the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade (Linguist) provides command and control of six military intelligence (MI) battalions totaling more than 2,000 Soldiers in seven different states: Utah, Washington, California, Louisiana, Florida, Illinois, and Massachusetts. The 300th MI Brigade provides linguist support across the spectrum of national defense agencies and military units. Their Military Intelligence specialties include Human Intelligence, Signals Intelligence, and Counterintelligence. When called on by the Governor, the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade (Linguist) deploys in support of state contingencies.

During 2010, Soldiers in the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade maintained a high level of proficiency in more than 40 foreign languages, deploying to more than 20 countries to assist as interpreters, translators and intelligence professionals in a variety of Joint Chief of Staff military exercises. This continues the brigade's proud and distinguished support to the Army's

Combined and Joint Commands, most of the Army's Major Commands, and many of the nation's intelligence agencies operating throughout the world.

The Brigade has maintained a continuously deployed presence in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kosovo since 9/11. And this year was no exception, with more than 100 Soldiers from several of its battalions deployed to each of these three locations. Additionally, many Brigade Soldiers continued to provide full-time and part-time support to wartime requirements from home station, working as linguists or analysts on national-level, time-sensitive missions from various intelligence agencies and combatant commands.

In March of 2010, the Brigade hosted its 20th annual Language Conference focusing on the role of linguists in the Military Intelligence Rebalancing Structure. Distinguished guests and presenters included Mr. Richard Girven, a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Professional Staff, and Mr. Daniel Scott, the Foreign Language Program Officer for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The 300th Military Intelligence Brigade is commanded by COL Val L. Peterson. CSM James C. Sproul, who recently passed away, served as the brigade Command Sergeant Major during 2010. 🇺🇸

141st Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist)



The 141st Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist) began 2010 preparing for a deployment to Kosovo. Early into its preparations, the Battalion was reassigned to deploy to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Battalion worked quickly to adapt and change from its preparations to send one company at a time into Kosovo to prepare for a Battalion sized deployment into the Middle East.

Lieutenant Colonel Matt Price assumed command of the Battalion in December and together with CSM Michael Lofland immediately went to work assigning key staff positions to prepare for deployment. The Battalion staff began planning crucial pre-deployment training and certifications events, and began looking ahead to what their mission would be in Iraq.

In February, the Battalion started training in its deployment configuration. Human Intelligence, Counter Intelligence, Signal Intelligence, and Multi Functional teams began working together.

In May, the Battalion conducted a 21-day training event at Camp Williams, in which Soldiers certified in Army

Warrior Tasks such as land navigation and individual maneuver drills, as well as counter intelligence tasks such as interviewing and reporting.

In June, 1SG David Sauer of Bravo Company competed for and won the title of First Sergeant of the Year for the Utah National Guard.

At the mobilization station at Fort Lewis, Wash., the 141st received recognition as a Top Unit. During the past seven years, of all the units that have processed through Fort Lewis, only nine units have been granted the distinguished honor of placing their unit patch above the desk of Ms. Janet M. Lucas-Riley at

These 83 deploying Soldiers with the 141st Military Intelligence Battalion have earned the rank of Eagle Scout from the Boy Scouts of America.



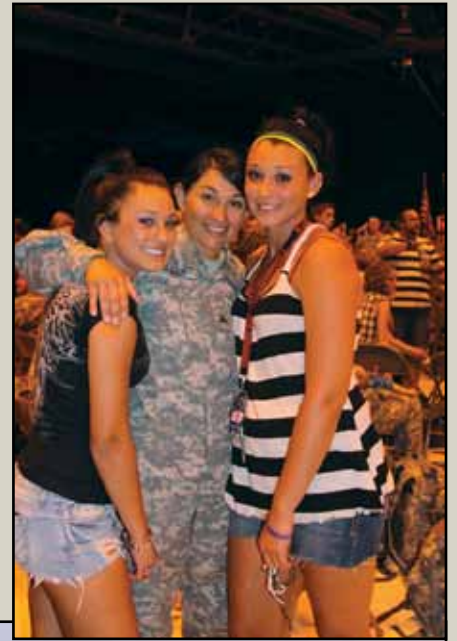
the Soldier Readiness Center. The 141st was instructed to place its patch the absolute highest, indicating a new standard for following units to try and reach.

In August, just before going forward from the mobilization station at Fort Lewis, the Battalion adapted again to an order to trim 43 Soldiers from the deployment. Many of these Soldiers voluntarily allowed themselves to be “re-missioned” and were sent to support other units in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In September, the Battalion arrived in Iraq. Operation Iraqi Freedom was changed to Operation New Dawn, which once again caused the Battalion to adapt to new mission requirements. While responding to a Battalion deployment, the 141st continued

to provide Military Intelligence support to other operations around the world. The Battalion sent Soldiers in support of many overseas training exercises to include Yama Sakura in Japan, African Lion in Morocco, Shared Accord in Mozambique, Ulchi Focus Guidance in Korea, Austere Challenge in Germany, Cobra Gold in Thailand, and Beyond The Horizons in Guatemala. The Battalion also sent Soldiers on language immersion opportunities to Spain and France.

The Battalion is proud of what it accomplished this year, and looks forward to having a significant impact on the world by performing its intelligence mission in support of Operation New Dawn during the next year. 🇺🇸



Family and Friends say a tearful good-bye to their deploying 141st MI Soldiers.
Soldiers with the 141st MI stand in formation in front of the plane that will take them on the first leg of their deployment to Iraq.

142nd Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist)



During Fiscal Year 2010 the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist) has remained very engaged. Although the Battalion continues to reset following its return from deployment in 2009, current OPTEMPO has remained high as the unit supported Human Intelligence, Signals Intelligence, and foreign language operations and missions.

In October, the 142nd MI was awarded its second Meritorious Unit Citation for its deployment under the 101st Airborne Division in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In December, the 142nd MI Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company moved from the Utah National Guard Headquarters facility in Draper to the new Salt Lake Readiness Center. This new facility will provide the Battalion a long-term, stable home as this is the fifth move for the unit over the past ten years.

In February, the Battalion celebrated its 50th anniversary by inviting current and past members to a celebration of the unit's creation and continued success. Original members of the original 142nd MI Company were presented a certificate by the Adjutant General, MG Brian L. Tarbet, the current 300th MI Brigade commander COL Val Peterson, and the current 142nd MI Battalion commander LTC Steve Stevens.



In June, the 142nd deployed close to 70 Soldiers with the 141st Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 142nd continues to provide intelligence and linguist support to operations around the globe. Nearly 100 Battalion



142 MI BN 1



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Soldiers supported overseas training exercises to include Beyond The Horizons in Guatemala, African Lion in Morocco, Rapid Trident in the Ukraine, Shared Accord in Mozambique, Austere Challenge in Germany, Cobra Gold in Thailand, Yama Sakura in Japan, Angkor Sentinel in Cambodia, Khaan Quest in Mongolia, Jackal Stone in Poland, Flintlock in Burkina Faso, and Phoenix Express in the Mediterranean. Also, another 25 Soldiers were sent on Language Immersion opportunities in the Ukraine, Brazil, Philippines, Germany, France, Italy, Japan, Hungary and Spain. As the Battalion unit crest states, the 142nd truly does send Soldiers “Into All The World.”

The Battalion continues to provide many full-time Soldiers in support of the National Guard’s Counter Drug Task Force, 640th Regional Training Institute, Reach Language Support Program and other special projects and assignments.

Notably, the Battalion has received recognition from the Department of Army G2 for its development of quality Low-Level Voice Intercept Training. This tactical signals intelligence training was conducted three times for both reserve and active component units at Camp Williams.

This year MAJ Bryan Holman, CW3 Richard Jackson, CW2 Kade Rolfson, SFC Shane Lee and SSG Nathan Loftus all received the Military Intelligence Corps Association’s Knowlton Award. This award is presented to individuals who have contributed significantly to Army Intelligence efforts. Also SGT Kevin Nielsen was awarded the French National Defense Medal by the French Ambassador at the Embassy in Washington D.C. for his esteemed efforts in supporting the French in Afghanistan.

The Battalion looks forward to building on success experienced this year and anticipates great opportunities for its Soldiers during the upcoming training year. 🇺🇸



142 MI BN 1



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Founded on November 18, 1946, the Utah Air National Guard (UTANG) is located on over 82 acres of the northeast corner of the Salt Lake International Airport. Over 1,400 trained and dedicated

men and women serve in the UTANG to defend the United States of America. Colonel Wayne E. Lee assumed command of the UTANG in July from retiring Brig. Gen. David M. Hooper. UTANG assignments include real-world military operations and daily activities necessary to support state and federal missions and training requirements around the world.

The UTANG's largest component is the 151st Air Refueling Wing (ARW), commanded by Col. Samuel H. Ramsay III. Unit commanders, along with their members are committed to building excellent organizations within the wing. Associate units, those assigned to the UTANG but not part of the 151st ARW, provide other critical mission services. The tenant units located at the Utah

Air National Guard Base are the 130th Engineering Installation Squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. Karen L. Morris; the 169th Intelligence Squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. Mitchell Hall; the 109th Air Control Squadron, commanded by Maj Randy L. Stevens; and the 101st Information Operations Flight commanded by Lt. Col. Kevin M. Nuccitelli.


The UTANG began as a fighter/bomber unit and its mission has changed three times since 1946. The type of aircraft flown by the Wing has changed seven times. The current aircraft are KC-135R aerial refuelers, which were assigned to Utah in 1978 when the 151st ARW became part of the Strategic Air Command. The Wing transferred to the Air Mobility Command

in June 1992. Since then, the aircraft's cargo and personnel transportations capabilities have been more frequently utilized.

Historical examples of federal services are numerous. Many UTANG members were called to serve 21 months during the Korean Conflict. Flying F-86 fighter aircraft, 10 pilots flew over 100 missions each. One UTANG pilot, Capt. Cliff Jolley, shot down seven Soviet-made MIG-15 aircraft and became the first Air Guard "Ace" of the Korean Conflict. Two Utah pilots were killed during this conflict.

During the Middle East crisis in August 1990, UTANG members were some of the first to volunteer in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. UTANG's support of this operation continued well into 1991. Since that time members have supported national drug interdiction activities and have provided air refueling for tactical and transportation aircraft supporting military activities involving Bosnia, Kosovo and Southwest Asia. Additionally, members of the UTANG supported the Salt Lake 2002 Winter Olympics in various capacities.

The UTANG continued distinctive federal service during 2010 with missions around the globe in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Noble Eagle. The UTANG also supported numerous NATO operations, Air Expeditionary Forces (AEF) rotations as well as missions supporting 1st Air Force, Southern Command and Africa Command. Critical personnel resources needed to accomplish these and other UTANG missions were supported through recruiting, retention, workforce diversity and family-readiness programs directed by headquarters leaders.

Local communities also saw continuing benefits from the UTANG. Activities included Sub-for-Santa, blood drives, Freedom Academy, Adopt-a-School program, Scouting for Food and other service projects throughout the year. The UTANG continues to maintain its high state of readiness should the State of Utah need support during a natural disaster, civil disturbance or major event. 



Emergency War Order training generation five Utah Air National Guard KC-135 tankers participate in the training May 2010.



In 2010, the 151st Air Refueling Wing continued to support the worldwide operations of the Wing and tenant units, maintaining a challenging and rewarding operational tempo that continues to grow and adapt to meet the ever increasing demand. The base-wide team spirit and cooperation has proven to be a force multiplier for the Utah Air National Guard.


The Wing began the year with a ceremony that looked back and honored the career accomplishments and contributions of Senator Jake Garn, a retired Brigadier General in the Utah Air National Guard. At the dedication of a display in his honor he humbly commented that, "You shouldn't be honored for doing something you

enjoy doing so much. I have enjoyed my military flying career. My 25 years as a military pilot is my greatest accomplishment in life."

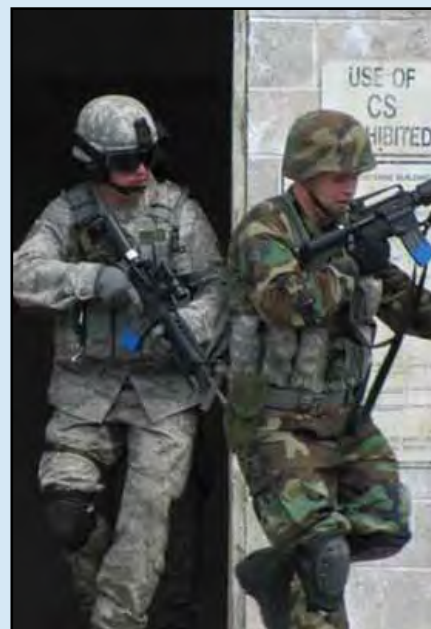
Following in the footsteps of those who have gone before, the Wing supported a wide variety of missions throughout the year. In February, the Wing sent a KC-135 and crew to Marrakech, Morocco in concert with Utah National Guard's State Partnership Program with Morocco. Participating in AeroExpo Marrakech 2010 by escorting and refueling F-16's from the South Carolina Air National Guard, the Wing demonstrated our support for U.S. Africa Command's strategic engagements in the area.

On several occasions this year, the Wing supported Aeromedical Evacuation missions to Bagram, Afghanistan. Staging out of Ramstein Air Base in Germany, the aircrews were joined by critical care teams with specialized equipment and then flew into Bagram AB to pick up wounded coalition military members and civilian contractors for immediate transfer to Landstuhl Hospital at Ramstein. After multiple sorties over each two-week deployment, one crew member described the missions as the "most rewarding and demanding missions I've ever done."

Throughout the year, the entire Wing prepared for multiple deployments to our Air Expeditionary Force commitments in the Central Command and Pacific Command theaters. While deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, maintenance and aircrews generated and flew a record number of refueling missions, often in direct support of troops in contact on the ground. Our flying time for the month of September alone was more than one-third of our total annual flight hours. This outstanding performance was made possible by the superior performance of our new 151st Force Support Squadron, the 151st Logistics Readiness Squadron, and our new 151st Comptroller Flight.

Finally, 2010 saw a change of command at the Wing with Col. Kelvin G. Findlay moving up to the position of Chief of Staff at State Headquarters and Col. Samuel H. Ramsay, III taking the helm as wing commander with Col. Kenneth L. Gammon moving to the vice commander position. As we look forward to 2011, the Wing will continue to support worldwide and domestic missions while preparing for an aggressive inspection schedule by the Air Mobility Command's Inspector General in 2011 and 2012. 

A Utah Air National Guard KC-135 tanker awaits participation in a five plane launch as part of Emergency War Order training generation May 2010. 1st Lt. Jason Holbrook with the 151st Operations Group trains during ASTO. An Airman with the 151st Security Forces Squadron sights-in at Camp Williams range. The 151st Security Forces conduct weapons training at Camp Williams, Utah.



151st Operations Group 151st Operations Support Flight 191st Air Refueling Squadron



The 151st Operations Group (OG) is composed of the 191st Air Refueling Squadron (ARS) and the 151st Operations Support Flight (OSF). The 191st operates the KC-135R Stratotanker. Their primary mission is to provide aerial refueling for the U.S. Air Force, as well as other U.S. military branches and allied nations aircraft. The KC-135R is a unique asset that enhances the Air Force's ability to accomplish its missions of global reach, global power and air superiority. The KC-135R is also capable of transporting cargo and ambulatory patients using patient support pallets during aero medical evacuations.

In 2010 the 191st deployed to the Persian Gulf flying missions in direct support of both Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

The direct support continued to sustain the stabilization, rebuilding and antiterrorism efforts of Troops on the ground in Afghanistan and Iraq. The combined result of these efforts furthers the strategic goals of the U.S. overseas contingency operations.

The Squadron flew several vital aero medical evacuation missions into Afghanistan flying wounded Soldiers who needed urgent medical care out of Afghanistan. The seriously injured Soldiers were flown to a U.S. military hospital located near Ramstein Air Base in Germany. Upon arrival, the Soldiers received the special medical attention they needed.

In addition, the 191st supported many important interests of the U.S. and Utah. The Squadron flew missions to Morocco in a direct effort to strengthen the continued partnership between Utah and Morocco. The Squadron also participated in a short deployment to Geilenkirchen Air Base to further the U.S.'s involvement and support of N.A.T.O.



In 2010 Chile purchased some KC-135E model aircraft from the U.S. A few members of the 191st were handpicked to help train the Chilean Air Force on their newly acquired fleet. In the midst of the training a devastating earthquake struck Chile. The 8.8 magnitude earthquake was one of the strongest earthquakes ever recorded. The training quickly turned into a combined mass humanitarian effort.

With the growing demand to do more with less, the 191st took on the Long Term Military Personnel Appropriation (LTMPA), for the first time. During this period the Squadron carried out many diverse missions. The missions included essential air refueling and aero medical evacuations around the globe. The addition of the LTMPA required the complete effort of the entire Squadron and is likely to do so into the future.

While the Squadron was heavily involved in various important and demanding endeavors it still found the time to be part of the local community. The Squadron continued its involvement with the Employers Support of the Guard and Reserve as well as the local boy scouts. Both organizations are essential in the current and future operation of not only the 191st, but also the entire Utah National Guard.

The 151st OSF was an intricate part of the 151st OG accomplishments. In addition to supporting the 191st, the 151st OSF deployed numerous members in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. Many of the deployed members were attached to various National Guard and Active Duty units that had personnel shortfalls and were in need of the 151st OSF help. The professionalism and resolve of the 151st OSF members continue to enhance the overall mission of the Air Force.

Fiscal Year 2010 was another exciting and busy year for all involved. The accomplishments of the 151st OG are a combined result of each individual's effort. The 191st would like to thank the 151st Maintenance Group for a job well done in maintaining the KC-135R fleet. 🇺🇸

Training to ensure mission readiness, five Utah Air National Guard KC-135 tankers participate in Emergency War Order training generation May 2010.



151st Medical Group 151st Medical Squadron



The 151st Medical Group is an Air Mobility Command gained unit serving approximately 1500 Air National Guardsmen in 21 different units. The Group provides medical

services and training necessary to maintain the highest degree of medical readiness for armed conflicts and mass casualty contingencies due to man-made or natural disasters. The Group supports the readiness missions of the 151st Air Refueling Wing, the 191st Operations Group, associated tenant units and the Utah National Guard.



Once again the Medical Group had the opportunity to support the Joint Marine, Navy, Army and Air Force exercise African Lion through a Humanitarian Civil Assistance (HCA) mission. This year's support included the largest number of Medical Personnel from the 151 MDG to date, 41 Medical personnel, 1 member of the 109th and 1 Disaster Preparedness Troop from 151 CES. The Army National Guard provided a Veterinarian from the 19th Special Forces and the Navy Reserves provided a Pharmacist. The mission provided dental, medical and veterinary care to small communities around the larger city of Taroudant.

Medical support was provided for Wing AEF deployments to both Qatar and Guam. Colonel James Nelson, LtCol Kenneth Zollo, and LtCol Walter Townson provided Aero-medical services with the Squadron Medical Element (SME) during the deployment.

Other members of the Medical Group provided critical support for Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. In Afghanistan MSgt Michael Lagillia served as the noncommissioned officer in charge of lab services. Deployed to Kuwait, Lt Col Chris Burrows served as a Bioenvironmental Engineer. Flight Surgeon, Col James Nelson, deployed to Manas Air Force Base, Kirgizstan.




SMSgt Charlie Pierson of the 151st Disaster Preparedness office and TSgt Sebastian Rodriguez from the 151st Medical Group outside of the clinic site in Elmenizla Morocco.

This year the Medical Group collectively got back to the basics. With the onset of Tier Based Training and electronic records both in training and readiness there was much to do at home.

Medical personnel participated in the first All-Hazards Response training sponsored from the National Guard Bureau in May. Training was comprised of both table top and functional exercises that brought us back to our State Mission. Environmental Hazards, CBRNE incidents, Public Health Hazards and Wing Plans were the focus.

Several critical care members received initial training in a newly assigned UTC projected for early FY 11 as part of the Critical Care Air Transport Team (CCATT).

In addition, the Medical Group attended the National Readiness Frontiers Training Conference held in Minneapolis and the National Medical Recruiting Conference in Orlando Fla. Several Medics provided real-world live-fire medical support this year at Camp Williams during the 151 Security Forces heavy arms recertification. Group members supported other activities such as the 130th ORI, Veterans Day Concert, Freedom Academy, Alpena CRTC, and the Navy Survival School in San Diego.

The Medical Group also began preparations for a new Home Land Response assignment projected in early Fiscal Year 11. This assignment will potentially double the size of the 151st Medical Group. 



Lt Col Kenneth Zollo, flight surgeon for the 151st Medical Group works jointly with a Moroccan physician to evaluate an infant at Tiot, Morocco.

151st Mission Support Flight



The 151st Mission Support Group Headquarters oversees the Civil Engineering Squadron, Logistics Readiness Squadron, Security Forces Squadron, Communications Flight, and Force Support Squadron (formerly Military Personnel and Services Flights). Additionally, the Headquarters Staff, Contracting, Environmental, and Industrial Hygiene Offices complete the Group.

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151st Maintenance Group 151st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 151st Maintenance Squadron 151st Maintenance Operations Flight



As in years past the 151st Aircraft Maintenance Group found themselves extremely busy.

The year began with our final KC-135E model congressional approved to be displayed at Hill AFB Museum.

Several of our maintenance personnel had a unique opportunity to work with the Chilean Air Force as they transition into their “new” KC-135E model aircraft. The group also became involved with a new program called “Duty Tanker,” with the high operations tempo we were able to provide training to a lot of our Traditional members on a daily basis.

Several maintainers volunteered for several aero medical missions using our tankers to transport critically wounded military personnel

within the area of responsibility to bases within Europe. With numerous crosscountry trips, business efforts and guard lift missions throughout the year the Maintenance Group was preparing for their Logistics Compliance Assessment Program (LCAP) inspection. The Maintenance Group scored 96.87 percent (Outstanding). This is the first outstanding the unit has received in more than 22 years. When the inspectors were here, they commented “in addition to well kept facilities, the Maintenance Group also boasts a highly motivated, professional workforce that practices good maintenance discipline and adherence to technical orders.”

With the completion of the LCAP, the Group turned their focus to the Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) deployment from Aug-Nov. The first half of our deployment found most of the Group deployed to South West Asia. This Guard and Active Duty integrated unit broke numerous Air Refueling records; during the months of August and September. They flew 1,604 sorties and offloaded 69,116,390 pounds of fuel. This deployment brought a historical event to one of Utah’s own aircraft. This Tanker was the last Tanker to fly a sortie under the old operation of “Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom” as the new operation shifts to Operation New Dawn. The Group finished their AEF deployment in the Pacific Command theater, where they supported multiple aircraft. 🇺🇸

151st Security Forces Squadron



The 151st Security Forces Squadron began FY 10 by performing the annual security detail at the Veteran’s Concert held at Rice-Eccles Stadium. Eleven Security Forces personnel volunteered to conduct the responsibilities of traffic control and crowd security. They handled these duties professionally and courteously.

From Nov. 3 to Dec. 11, 2009, eight personnel from the 151st Security Forces

Squadron deployed to Mombasa, Kenya in support of the 169th Intelligence Squadron. During their deployment, they were directly involved with providing all armed escorts to the aircraft crew members. Col Jeffrey MacDonald, commander of the 404th AEG/17 AF personally thanked Lt Col Meyer for sending “your A-team for this deployment.”

From April 26-30, 2010, the Squadron held a large contingency exercise in Wendover, Utah. The 151st Security Forces personnel were re-trained in various combat related skills. Some of these vital tasks included; Self Aid Buddy Care, convoy security operations, Air Base Defense tactics, Military Operations in Urban Terrain and they even took on, and



successfully defended, their base from a large scale assault from the Op 4 personnel. These exercises are key in preparing the Airmen for upcoming deployments.

On May 2-7, SrA Anthony Deppe trained in and successfully completed all phases of the Salt Lake City SWAT School. SWAT training is conducted periodically by the Salt Lake City Police Dept. and only those individuals that are highly motivated and maintain a strong Physical Training score are entrusted to

represent the 151st Security Forces Squadron.

Those members of the unit who are tasked with home station missions continue to conduct the twenty-four hour operations at the Utah Air National Guard base with efficiency and professionalism. Their constant surveillance and unwavering vigilance maintains the safety and security of the Utah Air National Guard personnel and vital Air Force resources. 🇺🇸



Members of the 151st Security Forces Squadron train at Wendover, Nev. and Camp Williams, Utah.



The 151st Security Forces Squadron provide Force Protection for Coalition Forces at Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia.



Fiscal year 2010 saw more changes in personnel, multiple Civil Engineer deployments, and preparations for the February 2011 Compliance Inspection. Lt Col Jack Wall assumed the duties of Mission

Support Group commander and


we welcomed Lt Col Anthony Faaborg who brings a wealth of knowledge from the National Guard Bureau, Air National Guard Readiness Center where he was a Facilities Programmer for Utah, among other states.

We also welcomed Ronald Haskell as our new Real Property Manager coming from the Army side of Real Property, and Pamela Hamburg from the 130th assumed the responsibilities of the Facility Manager.

As of this writing the new Fire Station/EOD/Mobility Processing Composite Facility is in full swing. Phase I which is the Fire Station and Gym is 75 percent complete and Phase II which is the Mobility Processing and Explosive Ordnance space is about 65 percent. We still expect the completion to be in April of 2011.

As of this writing, of the 34 members of our Squadron who deployed to the Middle East in support of the Global War on Terrorism, there are still 12 members who are overseas and scheduled to return in October 2010. This deployment then kicks into gear efforts by the Yellow Ribbon team to aid the members in adjustments and transitions, and to ease any hardships experienced by them and by their families.

In August 2010, 31 members of the Squadron participated in training at the Regional Training Site (RTS) at March Air Reserve Base, Riverside, California, where they trained in contingency exercises with equipment that is not readily available at home station and also fulfilling their yearly bivouac requirements. The RTS Training is beneficial to the combat readiness and efficiency of the Squadron.

In 2010 EOD Operations responded to three UXO reports at Camp Williams, and three military munitions reports in the local community, and three VIP Protection Support operations, one of which was in support of the United Nations General Assembly meeting in New York. Finally, EOD provided backfill support to the Nellis AFB EOD shop as they deployed in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. 



The 151st Civil Engineer Squadron's "graffiti" at Bagram, Afghanistan.



The mission of LRS is to provide supplies, equipment, fuel, transportation, vehicle operations and maintenance, and logistics readiness support to the 151st Air Refueling Wing and four associate units.

These functional areas consist of professional and dedicated team members who continuously provide a quality service in support of mission accomplishments. In addition, a number of squadron personnel have extra duties within mobility work centers assisting in deployments to help mobilize people and cargo to various worldwide locations.

Lieutenant Col Susan Melton commands the 151st Logistics Readiness Squadron. The Squadron currently has ninety-seven Guard members, who, throughout the past year, have shown great pride and support in the efforts to defend and protect our nation. With the increase in military operations and the challenges our nation



faces today, recruiting and retention is critical to ensure our unit continues to be effective in accomplishing our mission and that of the 151st Air Refueling Wing. This year numerous LRS personnel deployed, participating in missions in Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar and Afghanistan.

In addition to the high operations tempo, the LRS Equipment Management Element managed more than 5,900 equipment assets with a value in excess of eighty-five million dollars. Material Management averaged approximately 19,700 transactions monthly and maintains 12,200 item record details. They also, maintained the Readiness Spares Package independent aircraft spare parts kit with a current valued of almost seven million dollars. The LRS Supply Management Activity Group Manager oversaw a Stock Fund account of more than three million dollars. Base Fuels delivered an average of 304,000 gallons of JP8 and 4,000 of ground fuel per month.

The Vehicle Management flight operated and maintained ninety-six registered vehicles and twenty-two non-registered vehicles. This crew of seven full-time technicians and six traditional Guardsmen consistently kept this vehicle fleet at an operational rate of ninety-five percent for the year.

The Distribution flight consists of Vehicle Operations, Passenger Travel, Cargo Processing, and Receiving. Vehicle Operations was tasked with more than 721 vehicle dispatches this year and successfully delivered more than 3,000 scheduled/non-scheduled products to Utah Air National Guard customers. Passenger Travel processed 1,002 airline tickets for passengers at a value in excess of \$800,000, making this section one of the highest volume passenger ticket offices in the Air National Guard. Cargo Processing shipped more than 2,400 shipments at a weight of more than 135 short tons and the Receiving section processed more than 12,400 inbound shipments to include Mission Capable Parts (MICAP), individual components, Unit and Individual Equipment for our Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) deployments. The Distribution element is manned by six full-time technicians and ten traditional Guard members.

The Plans and Integration section has been busy with group and individual deployments. Their primary responsibilities are, War Reserve Material Accountability, In-Garrison Expeditionary Site Plan, AEF Reporting Tool, Unit Development Manager Training, and Support Agreement management. This section plays an integral part in deploying and redeploying all personnel and cargo for the 151st ARW and associate units.

During this fiscal year, the Small Air Terminal deployed more than 1,350 Duty Passengers and provided Space Available service for more than 270 passengers. They also deployed 376 short tons of cargo to various locations in support of Air Expeditionary Forces (AEF) Missions.

Logistics Readiness Squadron personnel are dedicated to the needs of the community, state and nation. Members have stayed involved with community volunteering for events such as Air National Guard Honor Guard, Noncommissioned Graduates Association, Enlisted and Officer Association, EANGUS and NAGUS, Freedom Academy, Sub-for-Santa, Public Television Telethon, blood drives and Combined Federal Campaign. The 151st Logistics Readiness Squadron will continue to be an effective and efficient defender of freedom for our community, state and nation. 🇺🇸



Staff Sergeant John Stroh performs a filtration test on JP8 jet fuel.



Technical Sergeant Brenda Recksiek and SRA Casey Young perform annual maintenance on the K-Loader.

151st Force Support Squadron



Members of the newly formed 151st Force Support Squadron (formerly 151st Military Personnel Flight) at the Utah Air National Guard Base.



The 151st Force Support Squadron (FSS) provides personnel, manpower, readiness, physical fitness, lodging, Honor Guard and food service to more than 1,400 Utah Air National Guardsmen. Our motto: "Mission First People Always" is our cornerstone and

drives us to be accurate, timely and professional in all services provided to our National Guard family.

This year brought many changes, the Mission Support Flight Merged with the Services Flight to create the new Force Support Squadron. The FSS became effective Sept. 1, 2009 with the official redesignation of MSF and the inactivation of Services Flight occurring during the November 2009 drill.

The FSS is comprised of four Flights: Force Development, Manpower Personnel, Airman & Family Services and Sustainment Services. Force Development Flight manages education and training; The Manpower Personnel Flight handles Customer Support, Force Management and Career Development; Airman and Family Services Flight manages Family Programs and Personal and Family Readiness; the Sustainment Services Flight manages Food Operations, Fitness and Sports, Lodging and Outdoor Recreation; while the Force Readiness Branch prepares and assists the 151st Air Refueling Wing and its tenant units to deploy.

Fiscal year 2010 proved to be a successful year for the FSS. More than 40 in and out processing lines were established to support more than 650 personnel deploying in support of one Air Expeditionary Forces rotation and numerous separate unit mobilizations which supported Operations Noble Eagle,

Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Counter Drug. The Force Development Section successfully hosted the spring 2010 CCAF Graduation ceremony with a record of 26 graduates from the base, of which 24 were in attendance. Our Honor Guard provided 31 Flag Details for retirements and various public events. The Squadron had two members from Personnel and seven from Sustainment return from deployments. Other significant events include Yellow Ribbon Programs and Hometown Heroes Salutes. Staff Assistance Visits were performed for the Services and Personnel sections. Unit Personnel Record Groups (UPRGs) were shipped out on Sept. 1, 2010. These records were audited and sent to AFPC for e-Record conversion

Fiscal Year 2010 has seen a number of personnel changes within the FSS. The FSS Superintendent CMS Raquel Ocana reassigned and took a job at the Human Resource Office and SMS Laura Davis was hired to assume the FSS Superintendent duties. New full-time personnel are SSgt David Stephens in Services and MSgt Phil Fleury as the Base Education and Training Manager. We bid a retirement farewell to SMSgt Ruth Vogel and MSgt Davey Beaumont. SSgt Shawn Yokoi transferred to the 109ACS, SrA Eric Pohlsander resigned to take care of personal business. Other new personnel are TSt Brian Riebe, SSgt Andrew Edtl and A1C Colton Elliot.

The FSS continually demonstrates its ability to provide top quality customer service due to their outstanding personnel. Squadron personnel ensure they are trained and qualified in the latest personnel systems and they train individual unit Command Support Staff representatives. This allows members of the Utah Air National Guard to be assured their personnel, benefits and employment history is continually monitored and updated.



The mission of the 151st Communications Flight (CFT) is to provide secure, reliable, deployable communication systems and services through teamwork, technology and training. The goal is to provide this service to the customer, instilling confidence that their information will be available, confidential, and effective in accomplishing their mission.

Early in the year, the CFT welcomed two new full time technicians; TSgt Chris Benson and SSgt (TSgt) Leo Taylor joined the CFT bringing with them many years of communications knowledge and expertise. They will be augmenting the Network Control Center (NCC) with its additional responsibilities of SIPRNET duties. MSgt Kristie Tuero was selected as Utah Air National Guard Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) of the year.

The 151 CFT was selected as lead unit for AEF 5-6/7-8 and successfully organized 16 guard units to fill deployments across the world, including several local CFT members that served in Iraq, Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia. Several CFT members received the first ever Hometown Heroes awards recognizing their deployed service.




The CFT implemented a complete AFSC transformation affecting all members and training plans; this coincided with a reorganization of sections, duties and responsibilities; requiring a revalidation of all personnel and training. CFT members complied with DoD 8570 mandates and received their required certifications.

During 2010 CFT also compiled with a new Air Force requirement of Quality Assurance (QA) and Communications Focal Point Sections (CFP). The creation of the QA section will tie monthly inspections with self inspection checklists; the result will help the CFT maintain compliance in all areas.

As the NIPRnet increasingly becomes more important to the warfighter, several network computer systems related upgrades occurred throughout this past year. Early in January the Inside Plant Project (ISP) kicked off with the goal of a 100 percent rewire and upgrade to the Base's existing inside plant wiring. This included more than 1,900 new wall plate installations and will bring the Base up to industry standards for many years to come. This project also included an upgrade to all backbone network switches; this is a major step in preparing the Guard Base to become part of the One Air Force One Network (1AF1N) initiative. All sections were involved with a mandatory Base wide upgrade of more than 900 computer systems to Windows Vista; affording for a more secure computer environment.

CFT members teamed up with Army National Guard Signal Soldiers and deployed the Joint Incident Site Communications Capabilities (JISCC) in support of the Unified Search and Rescue (USAR) earthquake exercise held in Sandy City; promoting the JISCC capabilities and improving interoperability with local first local responders.

The achievements completed throughout the year have enabled members of the 151 CFT to accomplish their missions successfully with integrity, service and excellence. 



Top down: Transmission Systems personnel testing new wiring from Inside Plant (ISP) project (SSgt Scott Reaves & SSgt Brandon Wall). Network Control Center (NCC) (MSgt Lisa Jensen) and Communications Focal Point (CFP) personnel (SrA Bryan Scharman) working together on help desk trouble tickets. Plans, Programs, Resources and Readiness (MSgt Michael Wade) and NCC (TSgt Joe Zaelit).



151st Base Contracting Office

The mission of the 151st Base Contracting Office is to provide the 151st Air Refueling Wing and four base tenant units support by procuring the necessary supplies, services and construction contracts to meet the ever changing readiness requirements. During FY 2010 contracting personnel purchased a variety of items that included housing, dining-hall-mess attendants, IT hardware and software, furniture, mobility equipment, aircraft deicing fluid, security alarm systems, environmental testing and vehicle repairs. The contracting office also awarded several construction contracts to support the changing needs of the Base. Construction contracts were to remodel several Base buildings and repair real-property equipment. The more than 158 total contracts awarded exceeded \$2.8 million.

The contracting office also oversaw the administration of the Government Purchase Card (GPC) program. The GPC program enables unit personnel to buy goods and services under \$3,000 using their GPC credit card. This highly visible and scrutinized federal program places stringent requirements upon unit billing officials and the cardholders they supervise. The GPC accounted for more than \$1.1 million and 2,583 individual transactions.

Master Sergeant Chad Heard, 151st Base Contracting Office, works with Iraqi contractors at a water treatment facility.

In February 2010 MSgt Chad Heard was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. MSgt Heard awarded contracts for water treatment facilities and electrical power (see attached photo) so the non-potable canal water could be made drinkable for the local Iraqi villagers. He assisted in the procurement of supplies, services and construction projects for military members including trash removal, lavatory facilities, electrical power, vehicle leases, building materials and airfield repair and maintenance and much more. MSgt Heard assisted with the management of more than \$200 million in contracts. 🇺🇸



109th Air Control Squadron



It has been a busy, yet rewarding year for the the109th Air Control Squadron (ACS) "Warlocks." Members of the ACS have had the opportunity to become involved in operations locally, as well as globally, with 22,162 days of orders accomplished. The majority of the

ACS is currently deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism, and is utilizing their expertise in the Battlespace Command and Control CENTAF (BC3) system to provide Command and Control over the skies of Afghanistan as well as to provide for the Air Defense of the Arabian Gulf. The Warlocks five month deployment provides operators information from data link, sensors, and radio systems around the AOR in order to move information, fuel, and Close Air Support to the warfighters on the ground.

In addition, the 109th ACS team provides long-range radar surveillance of more than 350,000 square nautical miles, and typically tracks more than 1,000 aircraft daily. This mission could not have been accomplished without the skills of our award winning maintenance experts!

At home, Airman from the ACS maintenance team were called upon to assist with software development and testing to



Members of the 109th ACS Satellite Communications shop set up the Quick Reaction Antenna (QRA) during Annual Field Training, Wendover, Nevada April 2010.

Air Combat Command's 133rd Test Squadron at Fort Dodge, Iowa. This testing will result in enhanced communication capabilities for Air Force Command and Control systems worldwide. This past spring, our maintenance team supported Air Combat Command's Big Crow Advanced Jamming Course. This course utilized the unit's Radar maintenance section and Electronic Protection Technicians to train students in advanced counter-jamming techniques against multi-axis electronic jamming attacks.

The ACS places significant importance on mission preparedness. Within the past year, the ACS has been involved in exercises such as the Joint Kill Chain Event, and has spent a great deal of time preparing for our deployment. The Joint Kill Chain Event was held at the Distributed Mission Operations Center, and is designed to train Army Air Defense Artillery Fire Control Officers their roles and responsibilities as an Air Force Control and Reporting Center crewmember. All of the hard work and training over the past year culminated in the mobilization of the ACS in May. During our four weeks of mobilization prior to our deployment, both the Operations and Maintenance sections welcomed the BC3 training suite, which was utilized to train more than 20 Operators on this new warfighting platform. The ACS accomplished approximately 3,000 hours of pre deployment training requirements in order to be eligible to fight the war.



Setting up the mobile radar set by the 109th Air Control Squadron during Annual Field Training, Wendover, Nevada April 2010.

In 2011, the professionals of the ACS look forward to another year of accomplishments as we gear up to set a new standard during our Unit Compliance Inspection. Warlocks... ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!!! 🇺🇸



Members and equipment from the 109th Air Control Squadron convoy to Wendover, Nevada for their Annual Field Training, April 2010.



The 130th Engineering Installations (EI) Squadron's mission is to install, repair, remove and relocate Command, Control, Communications, Computer and Intelligence (C4I) systems. One of our

key successes in 2010 was the completion of a GeoBase project at Molesworth Air Base. The 130th is scheduled to complete follow-on projects at Creech and Nellis Air Force Bases. GeoBase projects collect geospatial information and use it to document outside plant manholes, conduits and cable systems on a base. The 130th is one of the few EI units working on GeoBase projects. With the completion of the Molesworth job, a template has been completed for new project implementation in the future.

In November the 130th responded to an Air Force-wide call for emergency assistance at Mountain Home AFB in Idaho. A contractor dug into the Base's telephone lines causing them to lose half of their connections. This phone line outage compromised the Base's emergency response and



A group of Airmen prepare for their qualifications in the Combat Arms Training and Marksmanship class on April 10. Everyone is required to qualify for this class in order to be eligible to deploy.


reduced air traffic control communications capabilities for the 366 Fighter Wing. The 130th sent a five-man team with all the necessary materials to Mountain Home AFB to repair three large cables containing more than 8,000 phone lines.

The 366th Communications Squadron Commander was very grateful for the assistance. He estimated the 130th saved Mountain Home more than \$150,000 and completed the repair four-to-six-weeks faster than an outside contractor had estimated.

With the change from ACC to AFSPC, 130th senior leaders have provided expertise as AFSPC completed their first two inspections in the EI community. Additionally, members provided input into EI Concept of Operations, technical order modifications and process modifications required by the change. Squadron members also worked closely with the new EI Wing to help train AFSPC on the functions and needs of EI Squadrons. AFSPC IG interactions have helped the unit prepare for its own upcoming inspection.

The 130th is scheduled for a combination UCI/ORE in May of 2011. Drills have been very busy with practice exercises and other inspection preparation activities. In June the unit held its second ORE practice that included full mobility processing, Ability to Survive and Operate, and the completion of C4I practice projects. Two more large exercises are planned to ensure the unit is prepared.

The 130th puts emphasis on education and improving our technical expertise. In 2010, we had one member earning a CCAF degree, four honor graduates from the Lightning Force Academy, six graduates from Airman Leadership School, two graduates from the NCO Academy in residence and three officers graduating from Basic Communications Officer Training.

As good community partners, the 130th participated in Scouting for Food and the Freedom Academy. 





Left to right: A team from the 130th installs an antenna as part of a practice Operational Readiness Inspection. Members of the 130th Engineering Installation Squadron repair three major cables containing over 8,000 phone lines at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. Unit members complete a cable splice during the 130th's Operational Readiness Inspection exercise.



169th Intelligence Squadron



Taking the fight to the enemy is a daily occurrence at the 169th Intelligence Squadron (169IS), whether it's providing sole-source EC-130 SENIOR SCOUT Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) support to theater combatant commanders worldwide; or dedicated operator support to the Distributed Common Ground System (DCGS), engaged in daily support of Operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom.

Starting the new fiscal year, the 169IS found itself forging ahead into a new theater of operation – US Africa Command.

“Going to this new location was challenging, but rewarding,” said MSgt. Lance Loveland, deployment NCOIC. “It was one of the most interesting deployments that I’ve been on, and none have had Monkeys that aggressively demand food from you.

“We were basically operating from austere conditions, and because it was our first time in this theater, we were learning together, along with the AFRICOM staff. We were also introduced to a new culture and one of our operators, TSgt. Will Paetsch embraced it, literally, as he was actually adopted into the Maasai tribe.”

Despite aggressive, hungry Monkeys, the SENIOR SCOUT aircrew managed to log nearly 170 flight hours on 12 operational missions.

The 169IS also continued its support to coalition operations in the U.S. Southern Command Area of Responsibility (AOR). The Dark Horse Squadron has been supporting operations against Tier One terrorist organizations, as well as narcotics trafficking organizations, for two decades. These missions covered nearly 150 days of operational deployment to the AOR. SENIOR SCOUT aircrews logged approximately 520 flight hours during 55 missions.



Senior Scout Aircrew members representing the 169th Intelligence Squadron, stand with the EC-130 Senior Scout model Lackland, Texas, Sept. 24, 2010. Aircrew members include: CMSgt. James Ickes, MSgt. Eric “Raz” Rasmussen, MSgt. Nicholas Batura, MSgt. Heather Adamson, MSgt. Adam “Smokey” Jensen, CMSgt. Michael Scoresby, MSgt. David Anderson, CMSgt. Michael Jaecke, Lt. Col. Mitchell Hall, 1st Lt. Phillip Butler, Capt. Jill Jimenez and SMSgt. Brian Wesoloski.

Mortar rounds and insurgent attacks on the base only solidified the resolve of the 169IS Airmen deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. The SENIOR SCOUT aircrews logged 235 flight hours, on 22 combat sorties, during the deployment, marking the Squadron's tenth deployment to the U.S. Central Command AOR since the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in 2001. SENIOR SCOUT air operations supported a variety of missions conducted by Combined Joint Task Forces from the 101st and 82nd Airborne divisions, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force, and the International Security Assistance Force.

Not to be counted out, DCGS operators completed nearly 270 combat sorties, averaging six per week, supporting 1,900 operational flying hours, in the War on Terrorism.


In September, the Air Force ISR Agency, in conjunction with the Freedom Through Vigilance Association (which honors ISR professionals who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty), dedicated a model of the SENIOR SCOUT at their headquarters at Lackland AFB, Texas. Major General Bradley A. Heithold, AFISRA commander, dedicated the eight foot model. The ceremony was attended by Maj. Gen. (retired) John Matthews, former adjutant general for the state of Utah, as well as 200 ISR

government and industry professionals.

In 1997, the Air Force created the Henry E. "Red" Erwin Outstanding Enlisted Aircrew Member of the Year Award. It is presented annually to an Airman, Noncommissioned Officer and Senior Noncommissioned Officer in the Active Duty or Reserve Forces. Senior Airman Jaime Phair, 169IS Special Signals operator, was this year's winner in the Airman category. It is only the second Air Force award named for an enlisted person.

Sandwiched in between missions, linguists accomplished more than 20 Significant Language Training Events and language refresher courses in Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Persian-Farsi, Pashto, and Spanish.

The Squadron rewarded aircrew experience by adding six Airmen to its aircrew instructor cadre: MSgt. Dale Moravec, SSgts Anthony Fuentes, Daniel Dominguez, Patrick Parker, and SrA Dave Fallows and Jaime Phair.

In addition to the previously mentioned missions, 169IS aircrew members also flew in support of the Air Force's B200 project and accomplished local training flights. As a result, by the end of the fiscal year, members of the 169IS have flown/supported nearly 370 operational missions and more than 3,110 flight hours. 

101st Information Operations Flight



The 101 Information Operations Flight (IOF) provides full-spectrum information operations mission analysis, planning, execution, and assessment services to US Northern Command's Air Component at Tyndall AFB, FL.

The IOF has re-shaped the battlespace by demonstrating that, like more traditional capabilities, Information Operations (IO) are a critical weapon system in the Continental NORAD Region Air Operations Center (AOC).

The IOF deployed to Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. for the annual "Super Drill". Utah's 151st Air Refueling Wing tankers transported the unit. This year's deployment was dedicated to combat mission ready (CMR) training with our supported unit, First Air Force



The 101st IOF personnel integrating with USNORTHCOM J3 personnel during an exercise.



The 101st IOF integration officers coordinating with Combat Operations in America's Air Operations Center, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

(1AF) and the Continental NORAD Region (CONR)/Air Force Forces North (AFNORTH). Our network personnel worked a new initiative with the AOC's Mission Support Division to formalize and coordinate network defense for the Combined Forces Air Component Commander (CFACC). The IOF prides itself on being the only full-spectrum Information Operations (IO) unit in the Air National Guard which can provide a stable continuum of corporate information operations knowledge.

The IOF also supported the AOC in a number of significant ways. Recently, the 101 IOF planned, executed and assessed

a Network Defense (NetD) tactical action in support of the Continental NORAD Region Air Operations Center (AOC).

Additionally, the IOF electronic warfare and influence operations personnel trained with the AOC's Strategy Division and Combat Operations Divisions to integrate recent information operations plans with respect to social media, commander's communications strategy, potential hostile aircraft mitigation, and contingency civil support missions for the upcoming hurricane and wild land fire seasons.

Moreover, when several AOC computer systems came under cyber attack via the form of a "weaponized" version of a pdf file, the IOF sprang into action. Working directly with Air Force Computer Emergency Response Team (AFCERT) forensic specialists, IOF network defense experts figured out a way to recover mission critical information from the infected systems before they were wiped clean.

Following the devastating Haiti earthquake, the AOC was the lead agency in charge of directing air space de-confliction there. The IOF provided daily media analysis and assessment to the AOC leadership to paint an accurate picture of the worldwide perception of Air Force actions as relief supplies streamed in to help the people of Haiti.

During the Deepwater Horizon oil spill recovery efforts in the Gulf of Mexico, the IOF began planning actions and activities which would support accurate portrayal of the use of USAF Modular Aerial Spraying Systems (MASS) to help contain the oil slick. The IOF also conducted daily media assessments of how both traditional and social media reported on the Air Force during recovery efforts.

Additionally, the IOF supported Super Bowl XLIV by coordinating with the FAA to

use their Safety Program Airmen Notification System (SPANS) for temporary flight restrictions information.

Finally, the IOF provided critical information operations planning and assessment support to the Utah National Guard during the Herriman (Machine Gun) Wildfire. In responding to the fire, the Adjutant General, senior staff, and 151 ARW leadership relied on the Flight's daily media analyses, plans, communications strategies and assessments. 🇺🇸



You watch the game, we'll watch the skies!

For more than 200 years, America has taken the responsibility of defending her families, homes and freedoms. Through world wars and natural disasters, service men and women have laid their lives on the line to protect their neighbors and communities.

On Super Bowl Sunday, as you join with family and friends to cheer on your favorite team, rest assured that our nation's skies are safe and secure, defended by a highly trained team from Continental NORAD Region and First Air Force – dedicated to preserving our peace and security.

Temporary Flight Restrictions will be in place during Super Bowl XLIV over Land Shark stadium, and CONR fighters may be visible on Sunday while they enforce

the FAA's flight-restricted area in downtown Miami. General aviation aircraft are strongly encouraged to continue to check NOTAMS throughout the weekend.

The men and women of America's Air Operations Center, Eastern and Western Air Defense Sectors, fighter, tanker, and early warning units will be ready on the ground and in the air during the Super Bowl as part of Operation Noble Eagle.

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The 101st IOF planned deterrence operations for Super Bowl XLIV.